

Save the Date!
Annual Meeting and Festival set for Sept. 27 - Oct. 4 in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaws from around the world will return home to celebrate the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 27 through Oct. 4.

The theme for the 2014 Annual Meeting and Festival is "Honor, Tradition, Courage - Our People."

This year marks the 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 26th Chickasaw Festival.

Activities begin Saturday, Sept. 27, and culminate Saturday, Oct. 4.

Numerous events, including the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Cultural Evening, the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Junior Olympics are planned for the weeklong homecoming that celebrates Chickasaw heritage, culture, spirit and traditions.

For more information call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

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Artesian Art Festival
May 24 in Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will host the inaugural Artesian Arts Festival, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at the Artesian Plaza in Sulphur.

Planned as an interactive community celebration of all forms of art, the Artesian Arts Festival will highlight artists and art from Southeastern tribal artists.

The Artesian Arts Festival is free and open to the public.

Activities for all ages are planned, including a special area for children's activities and a senior citizens' arts and crafts booth. All types of visual art will be on display at the 35 festival booths. Visitors will enjoy paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, bead work, textiles and pottery.

A variety of entertainment and food vendors is also planned.

Performing Arts

Several entertainers who run the gamut of traditional native flute performance to red dirt country music are scheduled to perform during the one-day festival. Zachary Garcia, the Davis High School Executives, Katie Barrick, "Overdrive," Clancy Davis, "Neighborhood Outlaws," Nathan Burris, "Injunuity," Daryyl Tonemah, "High Water Gamble" and "Zoom City" are some of the great acts to enjoy.

Culinary Arts

Several food vendors offering an array of tasty treats from festival fare to traditional native cuisine are participating in the Arts Festival. Seven Sister's Bakery, Kona Ice, Mr. Tater Cater, Aw Shucks, Impaachi by Brubt Co., Carousel Shaved Ice, Krazee J's Kettle Corn and many others will be on hand to offer delicious treats.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net, or fax (580) 272-5525. Arts & Humanities is located at 201 North Broadway, Ada, Okla.

The Artesian Plaza is located adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street, Sulphur, Okla.

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New leadership of the Inter-Tribal council of the Five Civilized Tribes was selected during the council's quarterly session April 10 in Tulsa. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief George Tiger, far right, will serve as president of the council and Seminole Nation Principal Chief Leonard Harjo, far left, will serve as vice president. Next to Chief Harjo, from left, are Choctaw Nation Principal Chief Gregory Pyle, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker. The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribe was formed in 1949.

Inter-Tribal council calls for AICCM completion

TULSA - The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes left no doubt about its support for completion of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum (AICCM) in Oklahoma City.

The council voted unanimously Friday, April 11, urging the Oklahoma House of Representatives to approve a funding measure to move the project toward completion by 2017.

While Oklahoma House Speaker Jeff Hickman, R-Fairview, did not advance that bill to the full House for a vote, the issue was revived by a plan to fund the AICCM through a general appropriations bill suggested by Rep. David Dank, R-Oklahoma City. That bill would provide \$15 million in 2015; \$15 million in 2016 and \$10 million in 2017 as the state's \$40 million match to private donations and pledges.

The Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, which oversees the AICCM's development, has raised \$40 million in pledges, primarily from Oklahoma companies and individuals, to help complete the AICCM.

An appropriations bill aimed at staggering state funding over the next three years must pass both houses by the May 30 adjournment deadline.

The Oklahoma Senate approved a plan to tap the state's unclaimed property fund for \$40 million to match pledges by private donors, businesses, tribes and the City of Oklahoma City to finish the AICCM, located northeast of downtown OKC along a scenic stretch of the Oklahoma River.

Oklahoma City has pledged \$9 million toward completing the project. Construction began in 2006, just before difficult economic times hit the nation and Oklahoma. Construction was halted on the project in 2012.

All of the state's 39 federally-recognized tribes support completion and would be showcased at the museum. The tribes have made pledges of \$7.4 million, according to Blake Wade, Native American Cultural and Educational Authority executive director.

Proponents argue completion of the complex would provide a worldwide destination for travelers wishing to experience Native American culture, heritage and history. Studies project the AICCM could help spur economic growth, promote tourism and increase sales tax revenue.

Studies project an economic impact of \$3.8 billion over the first 20 years of operation.

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Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) offers fun, fellowship May 16-17 at Kullihoma



Chickasaws, from left, Wayne Walker, Dixie Brewer, Tim Harjo and Tyra Shackelford dance around the sacred fire during a 2013 stomp dance demonstration at Kullihoma during Chikasha Ittifama (Reunion). This year's reunion will feature two stomp dances on the evenings of May 16 and 17. Crafts, a traditional cornstalk shoot, stickball, horseshoes, a chunky tournament, archery and many other family activities are planned at this year's reunion. The fun kicks off beginning at 6 p.m. May 16. May 17 activities begin at 8 a.m. and continue through 2 a.m. the following morning.

KULLIHOMA - Crafts, stickball, chunky, horseshoes, a cornstalk shoot and a multitude of other activities will kick off May 16 at the 17th Annual Chikasha Ittifama (Reunion). The reunion, as always, will be at Kullihoma eight miles east of Ada on State Highway 1 East. Follow the road signs to find Kullihoma Campground.

The annual Chickasaw Reunion is full of fun for the entire family. Each day of the celebration, May 16-17, will end with the traditional stomp dance ceremony.

Eddie Postoak will open the ceremonies with a welcome and prayer at 6 p.m. May 16. A hamburger dinner will be served and a Youth and Co-ed Stickball Social Game will get under way at 6:30. Chickasaw storyteller Dixie Brewer will begin weaving stories for everyone at 8:05 p.m. in the Council House, located on the Kullihoma grounds.

The stomp dance will begin at 8:45 p.m. and conclude about 10 p.m. on the opening day.

On Saturday, May 17, a full slate will keep everyone busy until the wee hours of Sunday, May 18.

A fishing derby will begin the day at 8:30 a.m. The traditional cornstalk shoot will get started at 9 a.m., and the welcome and prayer by Lori Hamilton is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Horseshoes will fly beginning at 10:30 a.m. as will the Washer Tournament and traditional craft demonstrations.

At 10:30 a.m., craft classes begin, as well as trail rides with Chickasaw Rangers, the Chunky game demonstration, Little Warriors and Children's Tent Youth Activities, Squirrel Stick Throw and Youth Archery.

The Chickasaw Dance Troupe will start its performance at 11 a.m., and the traditional meal will be served at noon.

Chickasaw/Choctaw hymns will begin at 1 p.m. Chickasaw Press reading and the Loksi Race will both begin at 1:30 p.m.

Chunky Tournament festivities will start at 2 p.m. as will storytelling by Stephanie Scott. The Youth and Co-Ed Stickball Social Games begin at 2:30. A stickball tournament will get under way at 4 p.m. at the ball field.

Dinner and more stickball are on the schedule at 8:30 p.m., and the traditional stomp dance is set for 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following morning.

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A youngster gets instruction on proper technique while a friend helps her line up the shot at the Chickasaw Reunion last May at Kullihoma.

OKC Area Office moving

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Oklahoma City Area Office is moving to a new office space downtown at 4001 N. Lincoln Blvd.

The Oklahoma City Area Office offers services for Chickasaw citizens who live outside the 13 counties. Services include the elder energy and emergency assistance programs. The office also houses a counselor, two Indian Child Welfare (ICW) workers and two Chickasaw Health Representatives (CHR).

The Oklahoma City Area Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information about the Oklahoma City Area Office visit the Chickasaw website at <http://www.chickasaw.net/> or contact the Oklahoma City Area Office at (405) 767-8971.

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Chickasaw High School and College Graduating Seniors! See Inside Beginning on Page 15



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Chipota Chickashshanompli group brings home awards

Chickasaw kids show skills at Native American Youth Language Fair



Chipota Chickashshanompli participants include Zoe Allen, Chris Allen, Dezane Crawford, Kadynce Hamilton, Noah Hinson, Isabella McGinley, Cyndee Miller, Makynlee Miller, Josie Morgan, LaKala Orphan, Roddrik Orphan, Anna Mae Palmer, Kelbey Parnacher, Jaius Smith and Jayse Smith.

NORMAN, Okla. - Chickasaw students brought prizes home for songs as diverse as “Cha-Cha Slide,” “Don’t Stop Believing,” and “Amazing Grace,” during the 12th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman.

The “Cha-Cha Slide” took on a whole new meaning with dance instructions spoken in Chickasaw, while Chickasaw youth sang and danced.

This creative interpretation of the song landed Chipota Chikashshanompli (Children speaking Chickasaw) first place. Byng Elementary School took third place in the medium group category with “Amazing Grace.” Byng students received third place in the large group category for “Don’t Stop Believing.”

The Fair is hosted annually at



Dale Shackleford accepts his first place trophy for the ninth through 12th grade PowerPoint category.

the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. The competition draws more than 600 participants from across Oklahoma and neighboring states. Students compete in more than 27 Native American languages during the two-day event.

The Fair honors Native leaders, teachers and students by providing an opportunity for Native languages to be spoken and performed. Tribes showcase the tradition of language being passed down to younger generations. The Fair embraces the diversity of each tribe and celebrates what makes them unique.

Group categories included spoken language, modern song with language and traditional song with language.

Categories for individual competition included poster art, book and literature, poetry, song, spoken language, film and an advocacy essay, as well as a one-time competition for skateboard art. The first and second place recipients of the skateboard art contest received skateboards with their winning art designs.

Skateboard Art Contest Winners include:

Kristin Harjo-first place, Pre-K to second grade

Noah Hinson-first place, grade three to five

Isabella McGinley-second place, grades three to five

Johnathon DelFrate-first place, grades six to eight

Alysha Mitchell-third place, grades six to eight

Poster Art Contest Winners:

Noah Hinson-first place, grades

three to five

Johnathon Del Frate-first place, grades six to eight

Book and Literature Winners:

Noah Hinson-third place, grades three to five

PowerPoint Winners:

Dale Shackleford-first place, grades nine to 12

Spoken Language Winners:

Ezra Johnson-second place, individual category

Chokka’ Kilimpi’ Family Resource Center, “Kapucha Toli,” second place, small group

Song with Language Winners:

Byng Elementary School with “Amazing Grace”-third place, medium group

Chipota Chikashshanompli (Children speaking Chickasaw) with “Cha-Cha Slide”-first place, large group

Byng Elementary School with “Don’t Stop Believing”-third place, large group

Participants from the Chipota Chickashshanompli include Zoe Allen, Chris Allen, Dezane Crawford, Kadynce Hamilton, Noah Hinson, Isabella McGinley, Cyndee Miller, Josie Morgan, LaKala Orphan, Roddrik Orphan, Anna Mae Palmer, Kelbey Parnacher, Jarius Smith, Jayse Smith, Charlie Walker, Katie Walker, Kristina Harjo, Kenneth Hodges, D’Angelo Levario, Albert Florez, Terrynce Givewater, Alysha Mitchell, Manuel Pachico, Skylar Gonzales, LeShawna Johnson, Nikol LaRock, Dominique LaRock, Malia Levario, Gloria Loving, Joseph Thompson, Carmen Tolton and Macen Marris

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Chipota Chickashshanompli participants Charlie and Katie Walker.



Noah Hinson shows off his new skateboard with the design that won him first place in the third to fifth grade category.



Kristina Harjo shows off her new skateboard displaying her first place design in the Pre-K to second grade category.

Upcoming Events

GOURDget Workshop Adult Class

2nd Monday of Each Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
Division of Arts & Humanities Building, Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520

Night at the Museums Featuring: The Lone Ranger

May 2, 2014, movie starts at 8 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol grounds
Contact: (580) 371-9835

Fun with Clay, Mosaic 101, Anyone Can Draw and Watercolor: Adult Art Class

May 3-June 2, 2014
Ada and Sulphur, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520

Adult Arts and Crafts Class: Altered Book

May 6, 2014, 2-4 p.m.
Chickasaw Tribal Library
Contact: (580) 310-6477

Night at Boggy Featuring: The Lone Ranger

May 9, 2014, movie starts at 8 p.m.
Boggy Depot.
Contact: (580) 371-9835

Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion)

May 16-17, 2014
Kullihoma, Okla.
Contact: (580)622-7130

Rich, insightful programming for Chickasaw listeners

‘Native American Calling’ finds KCNP audience

Each week on KCNP, the Chickasaw Nation’s community radio station, listeners have the chance to participate in the nation’s largest electronic talking circle.

“Native America Calling” (NAC) is a national call-in show produced in Albuquerque, N.M. by Native Voice One, a radio program service dedicated to Native American news and culture. The hour-long program focuses on issues specific to native communities. Hosted by Tara Gatewood (Isleta Pueblo/Navajo), NAC features noted guests and experts with callers throughout the United States. The show airs live every Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST.

“Native America Calling” is heard on 52 stations in the United States and Canada by approximately 500,000 listeners each week. KCNP is one of four stations in Oklahoma to carry NAC and is the only station in the state to broadcast the program live.

KCNP manager Brian Brashier believes “Native America Calling” is a natural fit with the station’s programming mission.

“KCNP’s mission is to enlighten, entertain, and educate its listeners and we believe ‘Native America Calling’ is a way to do each of these specifically for the Chickasaw and other native listeners in our area.” Mr. Brashier said.

Recent episodes on NAC have included discussions on a variety of topics. One program discussed how students can prepare for college and how tribes work to protect sacred lands. Another program featured new music and an interview with singer-songwriter Wayne Silas Jr. (Menominee/Oneida).

KCNP and Chickasaw Nation citizens and employees also contribute stories and other content for broadcast on NAC. A recent segment about Native American tourism featured the director of Chickasaw Nation tourism

talking about destinations and upcoming events in Chickasaw Country.

“We’ve been told by Chickasaw citizens they enjoy listening to the stories, struggles and successes of native people from other parts of the country.” Mr. Brashier said. “While the environmental and political climates are much different for folks here in Oklahoma compared to Alaska or natives living on western U.S. reservations, many of the cultural experiences are the same and this program provides a way for Chickasaw citizens to relate to natives from other regions.”

More information about “Native America Calling” can be found on the website, www.nativeamericacalling.com. Listeners can join in on the program by calling 1-800-996-2848. A live stream and complete schedule of KCNP programs is available on www.kcnpradio.org.

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This month on CNTV

Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame

Five extraordinary citizens were inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame this month. Find out more about these individuals on CNTV.

National Week of the Young Child

The Chickasaw Nation recently celebrated National Week of the Young Child. This annual event focuses on children ages 0 to 5 years old. Learn more

about this special celebration on CNTV.

Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation

CNTV also traveled to Sulphur, Okla. for an event that brings together talented women from all walks of life.

New episodes are available on the first and 15th of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

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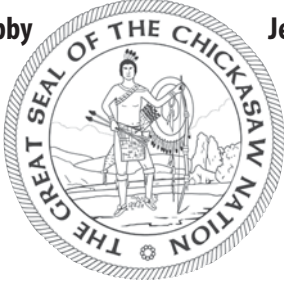
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Chickasaw government has deep history, clear mission to serve

The world has seen countless countries and governments come and go. Some last hundreds of years, like the United States, and some are gone quickly due to unrest, war or other push of history.

Conditions often change, and governments must also adjust to the needs of their people. As governments mature, they virtually all grow larger and often times less flexible. Change becomes more difficult to initiate and innovation suffers as the status quo hardens.

Governments that fail most often forget why they exist and who it is they serve. Those elements seem fundamental, but those are the facts. In our American military, the condition is referred to as “mission creep.” Entities become so focused on the mechanics of an operation they forget what the ultimate goal is.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we have grown at a fast pace for almost three decades. Our tribe has grown in many different ways – in citizens, in programs and services, in employees, in business. Whatever measure you apply to the Chickasaw Nation, the outcome consistently adds up to “growth!”

Growth is a great part of our tribe. It means we are moving forward, creating more opportunities for Chickasaws and serving more people in ways they should be served.

Our growth has served us well because we have managed that growth conservatively. We have not outpaced our abilities or our resources. We have worked hard to



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

do the things we do.

That tribal mission is what drives our commitment to Chickasaw citizens. Our effective, diverse and well-funded programs and services are dynamic. We are continually

grow our tribal businesses in a planned and consistent way. As a result, those businesses now contribute the majority of the resources we need to fulfill our responsibilities to Chickasaws everywhere.

The commercial side of our tribe is critically important because its output drives our expansion of programs and services. But we always guard against putting too much emphasis on business. Our focus is, and will always be, on the Chickasaw people our tribal government serves. Our mission is “To enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.”

This simple, direct mission statement is at the forefront of our efforts on a daily basis. We make it our top priority to recall who we serve and why we

looking to modify and add to programs and services if those actions serve Chickasaws well.

You may be a college student taking advantage of one or many of our academic programs like scholarships, stipends, clothing grants and textbook grants. You may be one of the thousands of Chickasaws utilizing Chickasaw health care services like mail-in prescriptions, dental care, primary care, optometry and eyeglasses. You may be an elder accessing of one of our tribal senior nutrition sites and buying fresh fruits and vegetables with farmers’ market vouchers. You may be a non-traditional student going to school part-time and working for the tribe part-time so you can gain your education while also providing for your family.

Every program and service your tribe offers is focused on making your life better. The real key to an effective and strong functioning government is serving people well. Those of us who serve you in your tribal government understand why we are here!

Wherever you live, whatever your job, age or life situation, your Chickasaw Nation tribal government is dedicated to serving you well. The scores of programs and services we have added over the years have been formed based on what you tell us. We are listening to you!

Thank you for your interest and your involvement with the Chickasaw Nation. Your contributions are vital to your effective government. Working together, we are building happy, healthy and successful Chickasaw families – every day!

Final resting place between Tishomingo, Ravia

Gov. Wolf sought limits on non-Indian settlers



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Jonas Wolf is buried in a family cemetery on his old home place five miles west of Tishomingo and one and one-half miles south of Ravia. His resting place is prominently marked by a large headstone, wrought-iron fence and large tree. Gov. Wolf, who died in 1900, served two terms, 1884-86 and 1892-84.

Note: This is the fifth in a series of articles highlighting the burial place of Chickasaw Governors since removal to Indian Territory.

Jonas Wolf was elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation following the 1884 death of long-serving Governor B.F. Overton.

Described as a “picturesque full blood” in 1940 article by John Meserve in the Chronicles of Oklahoma. Gov. Wolf, who did not speak English, was elected by the tribal senate after the death

Treaty of Oct. 22, 1832, an allotment treaty between the United States and the Chickasaws.

The Wolf family left the homelands for Indian Territory in the great removal of 1838, arriving at Doaksville. The family moved to the Boggy Depot area and then settled on the Blue River near the present town of Milburn, Okla.

As a child, Jonas Wolf’s education was scant. He briefly attended school at Boggy Depot, and spent a great deal of his youth raising livestock and farming. He went on to establish a farm along the north bank of the Washita River about five miles west of Tishomingo and south of Ravia.

Jonas Wolf became a member of the Presbyterian Church, South and was ordained to the ministry later in life.

It was also later in life when he began to participate in tribal politics, serving as a Chickasaw legislator.

He was 56 years old when he first became governor. A member of the “Pullback Party,” Gov. Wolf had supported the preservation policies of Gov. Overton, although his position was much milder. Gov. Wolf was against the allotment of the tribal land.

The first term of Gov. Wolf focused on efforts to prevent fur-

ther intrusions of non-Indians into the Chickasaw Nation. He issued proclamations forbidding permits to traders and physicians.

In the fall of 1886, Gov. Wolf was denied a second consecutive term when the Pullback Party named William L. Byrd its candidate. Byrd suffered defeat to William M. Guy in the race of governor. Guy served as governor from 1886-88, and Byrd was elected to serve from 1888-90 and 1890-92.

Gov. Wolf was elected to a second term as Chickasaw Governor in 1892 and faced a further influx of non-Chickasaws into the Chickasaw Nation.

An article describing the situation of the Chickasaw Nation in the Purcell Register in the Jan. 19, 1893 issue, said “(Chickasaw Country was a) fair land held by a nation of about 6,800 citizens. These dwell amidst a population of over 40,000 non-citizens.”

It is said Gov. Wolf’s opposition to the allotment became somewhat mellowed, and he may have changed his position as he surveyed the hopelessness of the situation.

Gov. Wolf’s build was described as medium stature and weighing about 300 pounds. Since he neither spoke nor understood Eng-



lish, he was usually accompanied by an interpreter.

He married twice. His first wife was Ludie Carney. After her death, Gov. Wolf married Lizzie Maytubbe, who died in 1894. Gov. Wolf and his wives had no children. However, an 1879 act signed by Gov. Burney named Henry Allen as a legal representative of Gov. Wolf.

Gov. Wolf died Jan. 14, 1900, at age 71. He is buried in a family cemetery on his old home place five miles west of Tishomingo and one and one-half miles south of Ravia, where his resting place is prominently marked by a large headstone, wrought-iron fence and large tree.

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Chickasaw Farms offers super package of trees, shrubs and grasses to homeowners



Chickasaw Farms is located just west of downtown Davis, Okla. - Image provided by Google Maps.

DAVIS, Okla. - Chickasaw homeowners are eligible for an initial landscaping package of three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses, 12 flowers and up to 10,000 square feet of top quality Bermuda sod.

Homeowners who have received the initial landscaping package are eligible for a supplemental package every other year. Landscaping packages are available for pickup between 9 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. at Chickasaw Farms, 609 West Main in Davis.

Applications can be presented at time of pickup. There are no income guidelines or residency requirements for the program.

Proof of home ownership must be provided. Acceptable documents of ownership include homeowners’ insurance, mortgage papers or property tax assessments. A current utility bill showing the applicant’s physical

address and a copy of the applicant’s Chickasaw citizenship card are also needed.

The 10,000 square feet of sod is a cumulative limit. Homeowners may receive the sod as needed. Sod orders are placed Monday mornings beginning at 7 a.m. Orders will be available for pickup Friday from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Homeowners will need to contact Chickasaw Farms ahead of time to determine how much sod can be picked up. The amount of sod available for pickup is based on the participant’s vehicle and trailer weight limits.

New homes constructed in the Chickasaw Nation boundaries are eligible for sod installation. Homeowners who reside within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation and have a home under construction, or recently completed, will be added to the new construction list for installation. Homeowners will be responsible for all dirt preparation prior to installation. The installation of sod is a one-time service with a maximum amount of 8,640 square feet.

For more information, visit chickasaw.net, email karla.windyboy@chickasaw.net, or contact Karla Windy Boy at 235-7234.

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Stewart named to Dean’s Honor Roll at Langston



CJ Stewart

Chickasaw citizen CJ Stewart, of Roff, Okla., was recently named to the Deans’ Honor Roll at Langston University. He is a second-year student in the Doc-

tor of Physical Therapy Program. After completing coursework in July, he will begin 10 months of clinical rotations. In June, he and his classmates will travel to Charlotte, N.C. to attend the Annual APTA Conference where he and three others will display a presentation over “Advancing Technology in the Medical Field.” Mr. Stewart was named to *Who’s Who Among American College Students*.

He is the son of Mike and Jana Stewart, of Roff and grandson of Ellen Green and Vernon Brown, both of Roff and Bobby and Neva Stewart, of Connerville, Okla.

Week of the Young Child



To kick off the Week of the Young Child, dozens of revelers including children, parents and early childhood educators paraded behind Ada Fire Department vehicles April 7. Throughout the week, students from the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center participated in a number of festivities. Each event increased awareness about the educational needs of young children and their families, and recognized early childhood programs that work to meet those needs.

Service of American military men and women will be celebrated on Memorial Day

Hello Everyone,
The month of May always reminds me of a very important holiday and that is Memorial Day. This is a day we are to remember the sacrifices made by those who have served our country.

There are many stories of its origin, with over two dozen cities laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. Originally known as "Decoration Day," Memorial Day is thought to have been started by organized women's groups who decorated the graves of dead Confederate Soldiers during the Civil War. In later years, Waterloo, N.Y. was proclaimed by President Lyndon Johnson as the original birthplace of Memorial Day.

In 1873, New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday, and by 1890, all of the northern states paid just tribute to the holiday. However the southern states held out and refused to follow along with their neighbors to their north, honoring their dead on other days until after World War I.

After that, all states began honoring the dead from all wars, not just the Civil War. During the years that followed, the official date of observance was changed from May 30 to the last Monday in May, which we now celebrate.

I would like to remind each of us not to forget the true meaning of Memorial Day. I feel certain the families of those who have fallen in service to our country have not forgotten.

And to the families who lost loved ones during war times, I say "thank you" for your sacrifice, and I salute you for your patronage to our great country.

God Bless you,
Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator Pickens District

Chickasaw Nation is blessed with an abundance of great musicians, composers

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family. Alesha and I had the pleasure of attending Tabitha Fair's concert at the McSwain Theater recently. She is an amazing performer and singer.

You might remember the video and song "Coming Home" from the Annual Festival this past year. She has performed with some of the biggest stars in the music business and is a very sweet and genuine person. It was a pleasure meeting her and I can't wait to see what is coming next in her career.

At the most recent Oklahoma City Community council meeting, Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate gave us a view of what goes into the creative process of his work. The project started with a recorded Choctaw hymn with a single voice. Jerod notated the music from the singers' voice and then built layers of instrumentation, Chickasaw and English spoken language, and then added a visual presentation to accompany the piece.

The end result was an amazing, very moving experience. I appreciate Jerod's talent and the sharing of his passion and knowledge with us and especially his efforts with our Chickasaw youth in the Summer Arts Academy.

I would like recognize Lynie Richardson for her achievement of 30 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation. It is a pleasure working with her in the Legislative office and we appreciate all she does for us.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.
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We will honor the special moms of the Chickasaw Nation on Mother's Day

May is here! If you are a teacher, this month is considered the mile stone month-you have almost reached the promised land of summer break! Another special thing about the month of May is Mother's Day.

This is a day to recognize Mothers FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK AND SACRIFICES on behalf of their families. So in honor of Mother's Day in 2014, I decided to highlight some of our Chickasaw mothers.



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Mrs. Thelma Widney is the daughter of Cuthbert Steele and original enrollee (10yoa), Lottie Christian Steele. Thelma was born in 1915 and grew up in the Old Woodville area, graduating Woodville High School in 1934. (Old Woodville was covered by water in 1942, due to the development of Lake Texoma.) Mrs. Widney worked a variety of jobs to support her family. She raised 4 sons: Larry, Chuck, Paul and Dan. One of her favorite pastimes is reading her Bible. I am proud and excited to share that Thelma is currently 99 years young and is looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day with her family.

Mrs. Bernice Sweeney is one of 10 children born to Bessie Shelton and original enrollee (17yoa), Levi Mead. She worked from her home as a beauty operator for 13 years and then did a career change to that of a nurse's aide for local nursing homes until her retirement at the age of 79. When Bernice was 8-9 years old, she and 3 of her sisters attended Bloomfield Academy for several months until their father missed having them at home! Bernice is still a member of the Eastern Star and holds a 60-year pin. She will be 94 in August.

Mrs. June Leake is the daughter of Houston Otho Dickinson and original enrollee (5yoa), Mary Annetta Collins. She worked as a bookkeeper and auditor, assisted in managing the family business and raised four children. She was and continues to be a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. I am so thankful for her positive influence in my life and in the lives of my family! Mom is celebrating her 87th year on this earth.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you that are a part of the mother's club, it is an honor to be a member of such an elite group!

"Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her...." Proverbs31: 28
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Mrs. Thelma Widney and her son, Paul McGranahan. Paul is the featured artist in the CN 2014 calendar for the month of January.



Mrs. Bernice Sweeney and her son, Oscar.



Mrs. June Leake and her great grandson Joseph A. Nelson.

Receiving the Chickasaw Times is best way to check if you are properly registered

Hello everyone
Believe it or not, the 2014 Chickasaw election season is just around the corner. Candidates will be filing for office in the first week of June. Then, it's off to the races with ballots being counted in mid-July.

I encourage you to vote. I encounter so many Chickasaws who say they haven't voted in years. Some don't think their, one vote really matters. Others have just become disillusioned with the political process. Still others think that their vote is not private, and for that reason, they simply don't vote.

Here is the thing, though. How you vote is not known. Whether or not you vote, however, can be and is known.

While I understand each of those barriers to voting, I know to have government, programs and services and businesses that more effectively serve all Chickasaw people, we must express ourselves by voting.

Each and every vote counts and matters. There have been Chickasaw elections decided by as few as three votes!

I know many have checked out on voting or much of anything to do with the Nation because of an injustice done to them or a family member. While I understand the frustrations, I know that one way to address the issues is to get to know all the elected officials, one-on-one, and how each works. Then vote!

So it is time to prepare ourselves to vote. First, we need to make sure we are registered to vote, whether that means registering for the first time or simply verifying that your registration is current.

The best indicator that your registration is current is if the Chickasaw Times is being sent to your home address. Your ballot will be sent to the same address as your copy of the Times.

If you are not receiving a copy of the Chickasaw Times with your name and address on a sticker on the front page, you will NOT receive a ballot.

To register for the first time or to check your voter registration status, call (580) 310-6411 or (888) 661-0137.

Voter registration usually closes in the first week of July. So, to allow for glitches in the system, start the process now and be diligent in your follow up to ensure you are registered in time to vote.

Follow up should include, but not be limited to, phone calls and/or emails to voter registration and the Chickasaw Times. Rita Loder is the contact person for Voter Registration. Rita's email address is rita.loder@chickasaw.net, and her phone numbers are listed above. Vicky Gold is the contact for the Chickasaw Times. The email address for the Chickasaw Times is times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net and the phone number is (580) 332-2977.

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Storm shelters provided by the tribe find homes both inside, outside the tribal boundaries

Chukma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
The month of May usually means the end of school and the beginning of summer and warmer weather.

As we saw last year, May can also bring severe weather and devastating tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters; not only in Oklahoma but in all parts of the country.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Fortunately, the Chickasaw Nation can help our citizens be better prepared for bad weather.

The Storm Shelter program is one way our citizens can be "safe from the storm."

The program provides storm shelters for privately owned homes of all Chickasaw citizens.

Within tribal boundaries, Chickasaw citizens can apply for a storm shelter to be installed at their home

The Storm Shelter program for our Chickasaw citizens who live outside the Chickasaw Nation service area began in October 2006.

This program provides a one-time grant to the citizen for the installation of a storm shelter. The program has no income restric-

tions.
Since the program's inception, there have been hundreds of storm shelters provided to Chickasaw families who live in "tornado alley" both inside and outside the traditional Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

Having a family plan in case of bad weather is also a good idea.

Keeping items such as contact information for doctors, insurance plans and family members, as well as a basic disaster kit containing a flashlight, extra batteries, a battery operated radio, a first-aid kit and water is a good idea. A Weather radio can help alert you and your family to potential storms at any time.

Keep these items in a place that is easily accessible during an emergency.

As spring winds down and summer begins, temperatures begin to rise as the thermometer soars. It is during this time utility bills can increase.

The Chickasaw Nation offers several assistance programs to our citizens who live inside tribal boundaries and "at large" - when they need help paying these high utilities bills.

The Emergency Energy Assistance Program helps Chickasaw citizens who may have an urgent need for assistance with a gas, propane, electric or water bill, or with utility deposits.

This program is designed for our citizens who live inside the boundaries and are over age 60.

The Elderly Energy Assistance Program provides one-time assistance for winter heating bills and one-time assistance for summer cooling bills. This program is designed for our citizens over the age of 60 who live outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) assists individuals, who are income eligible, with home heating or cooling bills and/or energy assistance deposits for citizens who live in the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

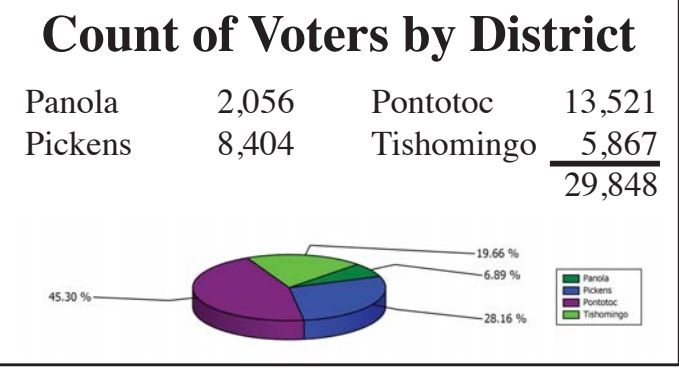
These helpful programs are designed to keep our citizens, especially our honored elders, safe and comfortable.

Please be safe this spring and summer, whether you plan to travel or stay at home.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Hall of Fame, Chikasha Ittifama, Art Festival and more fill out the Chickasaw May calendar

Chukma, Chinchukma, Hello, how are you?
I have just finished reading the Chickasaw Nation's Progress Report for 2013, and I am amazed at all the wonderful accomplishments of our tribe! If you did not

receive your copy of the 2013 Progress Report, please request one. I know you will be as proud as I am, when you read of the accomplishments of just the last year.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Our nation is succeeding in our mission of enhancing the lives of our citizens by providing quality programs and services, by diversifying our business interests to provide quality jobs, and by investing in the preservation of our culture. Be sure to check the calendar on the website to stay aware of all the wonderful activities going on in the Nation.

I hope to see many of you at the Hall of Fame banquet on May 1 at Riverwind. Congratulations to this year's inductees, Irene Digby, Marvin Mitchell, James Hampton, and Silas Wolf, and to the family of Charles Blackwell. You are all indeed worthy of this honor. For the ways you have lived your lives, you have distinguished yourselves

and brought honor to our tribe.

On May 5 and 6, many of our elders will gather for their spring conference at the Winstar Resort. Don't forget about Chikasha Ittifama, (Chickasaw Reunion), which will occur on May 16 and 17 at Kullihoma. This will be a wonderful time to renew old friendships and soak in some traditional Chickasaw culture.

Something new this year will be the Artesian Art Festival, which will be held in Sulphur on May 24 at the Artesian Plaza from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This will be an exciting time to enjoy great Chickasaw art and spend time admiring the beautiful Artesian Hotel and Spa.

There are lots more events and activities going on all the time, so don't forget to check the calendar.

Spring is the best time to be out and about, so take advantage of the many activities and events provided for you. You will be glad you did!

Hope to see you soon. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy

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April busy with community councils, Five Tribes meeting, Te Ata unveiling and much more!

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. April has been the busiest month since December. We've received enough rain to plant gardens so all is well on that front.

We attended most of the community council meetings in the district except for the Newcastle meeting. Instead,



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

we attended the quarterly meeting of the Five Civilized Tribes in Tulsa. The Cherokees were hosts and the meeting was well attended. Many tribal council members/ Legislators made presentations regarding the services they provide for their membership and we always enjoy visiting with them. In comparison, the Chickasaw Nation takes very good care of our own. Two of the tribes - the Choctaws and Cherokees - provide about the same amount of education benefits now as we do.

The Chickasaw Press held its Spring reception on the 17th and I also attended the unveiling of the Te Ata statue in Chickasha at the University of Arts and Sciences in Oklahoma. The picnic on Blue River was on Saturday the 26th. We attended the annual Dynamic

Women's Conference in Sulphur at the Artesian Resort.

In April, the Legislature approved the acquisition of several pieces of real property in Tishomingo. The real property will enable us to provide for building additions near the Tishomingo Clinic. Trivia item - I have served on the Land Development Committee my entire career on the Legislature!

I talked about the Chickasaw Historical Society last month and want to remind you of the brick project that CHS maintains. You may purchase bricks to be imprinted with your name, your family name or a specific family member's name. The bricks are then laid at any number of places that you may designate. For examples, at the Capitol building in Tishomingo, the Chickasaw White House in Emet or the Seeley Chapel. The bricks commemorate the names on them so that they are not forgotten and are \$25 each. You may also join the CHS and receive the wonderful journal full of Chickasaw stories and history for \$25 per year. Contact the CHS at 1300 Hoppe Blvd., Suite 1, Ada, OK 74820 or call them at (580) 436-7282.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

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Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department news



CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice
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Chukma! What an exciting month April, 2014 has been for the Judicial Branch.

On a personal level, I would like to share with you the happiness and pride my family has experienced with our son, Noah. He attended his first promenade, prom and after prom at the beautiful Artesian Hotel and then later at the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Retreat Center on April 18, 2014. The kids had a wonderful time and the personnel at the facilities were wonderful. A big thank you to Bryce Chitwood, Stephanie Beaty and Tiffany Bigbie. They really came to the rescue with the chocolate fountain. It was a night to remember for all. To all seniors: congratulations and I wish you great success in your life's endeavors. We have a few staff members and their children and grandchildren gradu-

ating who I would like to mention, Kylie Dresser, Mariah Sanders and Hanna R. Laurie. They will be graduating from Sulphur, Davis and Ada, respectively in May. These three girls have attended our court camp since the day we started the camp. They are always positive with the kids and helpful. Also, my cousin, McKayla Beaver, will be graduating from Sulphur High School this May. These girls will grow to be great dynamic women so look for them in the coming years. Reid Wall and Keegan West are the grandchildren of Wayne Joplin, District Court Clerk and they will be graduating from Byng School in May. Congratulations on a successful completion of your senior year. If you have a child graduating this year let them know how proud of their accomplishments you are and graduates take a moment to thank your parents for their support.

This has been a very busy month. My cousin, Derrick Priddy, a Chickasaw, decided to run for councilman for the City of Sulphur. I am proud to announce he won his first election. He was sworn in office on April 14, 2014 as councilman for Ward I. Congratulations Derrick, I know you will represent the City of Sulphur with great pride.

I also attended the Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman Conference and Forum. It was an absolutely beautiful day to be a Chickasaw Dynamic Woman at the conference held at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Oklahoma on April 17, 2014. There were truly many dynamic women. The artesian gallery was all lit up with the artists there signing books and displaying their wonderful art. The evening was lovely as well with the forum held at the Cultural Center in the Anoli' Theatre with Dr. Shannon Speed, moderator, Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Mary Ruth Barnes, Patricia Hayes, Shondra McCage, discussing where they have come from as Chickasaw women and their success and blessings along their journey. The conference and forum was a great success and I for one was glad to see friends, family and other Chickasaw women with drive, determination, struggles, hope and vision to achieve great success as Chickasaw Dynamic Women of today. The Chickasaw women that attended the conference were presenters, speakers were truly an inspiration to those around them that day and that's including me.

Last month's article I discussed the court. I would like to explain the "Pro Se" court aspect of our court. Pro Se is Latin meaning "for self" or on one's own behalf. You appear "pro se" in a legal action when you represent yourself directly in a legal action (in or out of court) and do not have an attorney speaking for you. "Pro Se" refers to representing yourself in any type of legal matter without the benefit of legal counsel. Proof of tribal membership must be filed before a case will be docketed to be heard by the judge.

Some wonder what you can wear when you go to court and how to act in court. I would like to answer by saying when you come to Court, dress appropriately and use appropriate court room behavior. This means: no weapons, no shorts no rips or torn jeans, no half shirts/tank tops, short (belly button showing shirts, no cursing, no gum, no tobacco, no cell phones and when necessary address the Judge as "Your Honor". I would also like to make a suggestion. Please do not bring your children to court unless they are going to testify in Court. If it is necessary to bring your child/children make sure to bring another person with you to watch your children during your scheduled case time. Children will not be allowed in the Courtroom unless they are called upon to testify. To small children a Courthouse could be a scary and difficult place for them to understand. Also, just a reminder please be sure and keep the Court Clerk's office informed of your current address and telephone number. If you are waiting to be notified of a court date and you have not received notice of your court date, feel free to call the Court Clerk's office and ask when your court date is.

DISTRICT COURT

The Supreme Court re-appointed Special Judge Sherry Abbott Todd as Special Judge for her second term. Special Judge Todd was sworn in on April 15, 2014 by Chief Justice, Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon. Special Judge provides the court decisions based on the Chickasaw Nation Code. We are very pleased to have Special Judge Todd with us each Tuesday.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (580) 235-0279. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at Chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage; the link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

District News: March 2014 Court Statistics

- 62 New court cases filed
- 155 cases Heard in court
- 84 citizens were assisted by the court advocates



John Edwards

in Peacemaking Court. He will be missed. Keep Tewanna, (Tee), his wife, in your prayers. The Peacemaking Court is a forum for resolving conflicts using Chickasaw traditions, customs, and culture as the basis for finding peace in the resolution.

COURT ADVOCATE

Kymberly Cravatt, court advocate has just returned from Santa Fe, New Mexico where she spent a few days at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Federal Bar Indian Law Section on April 10 and 11, 2014. The theme of the conference was "technology" and the "digital age" The meeting's substantive portion began with a Plenary Session on the Indian Child Welfare Act in the wake of the Baby Girl v. Adoptive Couple case. Speakers included: Jack Trope from the Association on American Indian Affairs; Sara Hill, Cherokee Nation Assistant Attorney General; Erin Daugherty from the Native American Rights Fund; and Anita Fineday from the Casey Family Program, Indian Child Welfare Program. Ms. Hill provided a synopsis of the case history from the Cherokee Nation's perspective. Mr. Trope provided an analysis of the Supreme Court decision itself, a discussion of Justice Breyer's concurrence in the case, and the potential implications for the decision. Ms. Daugherty presented a case study from the Alaska State Court concerning the state courts using the Baby Girl case to sweep more broadly than the Court intended. Ms. Fineday offered some practical advice for tribes and tribal attorneys to ensure the Baby Girl case maintains the narrowness of its interpretation by the Supreme Court. Other topics were Voting Rights in Indian Country, Tribal Membership, Tribal Sovereignty and the negotiation of tribal state-gaming compacts, Sovereign Immunity, Intellectual property issues and ethics discussions. The Annual Meeting was a great success and Kymberly was proud to represent our department at the meeting.

SUPREME COURT

I must make mention that my last month's article announced that our court camp is in July, but I have found that the camp will be in June. This camp will be much cooler in June than July. YAAKN' INAALHPISAAT CHOK-MA, Chickasaw Nation court camp is scheduled for June 24 and 25, 2014. This is a two (2) day camp from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day. One of our goals is to expose the camp students to the tribal court system in Indian Country. We hope our camp will influence the students to continue their education and to possibly pursue a job in the court system. We are now accepting applications for our camp. Application deadlines are fast approaching, with the final day of acceptance being May 15, 2014. We are also looking for ten (10) volunteers to assist with the group during the camp days, any Chickasaw employee working toward IDP can call Connie Tillery, 580-235-0281 to volunteer and receive IDP credit. For more information or to obtain an application, contact the Division of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620. Additional information is available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online or contact Connie Tillery, Supreme Court Clerk, at (580) 235-0281.

The Supreme Court was invited to attend a tribal court proposed component subcommittee meeting at The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes which was held on April 10, 2014, at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Catoosa, Oklahoma. Chief Justice, Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, Supreme Court Clerk, Connie Tillery, District Judge, Dustin Rowe, and District Court Clerk, Wayne Joplin attended the meeting to discuss tribal court issues in Indian Country and a proposal to create a subcommittee within Inter-Tribal. All five civilized tribes tribal courts were represented in the meeting.

The Judicial Department will be attending the Sovereignty Symposium June 4 and 5, 2014. Tribal members from across the state and the Nation will be attending. The Sovereignty Symposium was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues

PEACEMAKING

With sad news I must inform you that we lost a dear friend and Peacemaker on April 18, 2014, John Edwards. He has been a Peacemaker since 2005. He has helped many people within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries by resolving their issues



The office of Violence Prevention has very generously placed blue ribbons on the shrubbery around the court as a reminder that April was Violence Prevention month. Staff members from the office of Violence Prevention will be handing out brochures and giving information on the services available through the Chickasaw Nation. From left, Wayne Joplin, District Court Clerk; Tiffany Postoak, Judicial receptionist; Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon; and Edward Stilwell, District Court Deputy Court Clerk.

could be exchanged in a scholarly and non-adversarial environment.

Professor Christine Pappas' Political Science and Legal Studies class from ECU came to visit the Supreme Court and judicial building. Discussion was held on tribal sovereignty, peacemaking and tribal issues in Indian Country. A tour was given of the Judicial Department Building.

The Judicial Department had a booth to support Child Abuse Prevention Month at the 13th Annual Children's Fair, on April 26, 2014 at the Agriplex in Ada, Oklahoma. We had a great time meeting all the children, parents, friends and family. We all were so excited to help support Child Abuse Prevention, an important cause to all in Indian Country. The Judicial Department decorated the outside of the facility with blue ribbons in remembrance of Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

The Supreme Court Clerks and the District Court Clerks and Deputies attended court clerk training on April 17 and 18, 2014 at Riverwind in Norman, Oklahoma conducted by Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Plains Regional Office, Tribal Government Services. Judge Marsha Harlan did a wonderful presentation on the history of tribal law and how we arrived at where we are today in our courts. Judge Harlan covered such topics as confidentiality in the courts, protecting the records, the importance of court policies and procedures, staff ethics and jurisdiction, just to touch on a few of the areas discussed. The clerks received important information in keeping our files maintained and preserving records for the future.

Once again, you have my deepest appreciation for the continued support of the Supreme Court and District Court. As we grow we will continue to look for ways in which we may better serve our Chickasaw citizens.



Noah and Bali



Front row sitting/kneeling from left, Colt Ackerman, Micheal Allen, Newakis Girdley, Dr. Christine Pappas, Tracy Chiles, Lacy Phelps, Kristen Barbour, Talon Starkey Second row standing from left, Tarron Vogt, Daniel Tollett, Phyllis Duck, Carl Lewis, Donna Iti Tupa, Adam Maxey. Back row standing from left, Trey Karr, Rob Floyd, Robbie Hatton, Andrew Gray, Colt Wood, Justice Barbara Smith, Chief Justice Cheri Gordon, Justice Mark Colbert, Brianna Wheaton, Jaysa Hutchings, Leona Jones, Samantha Yott

Chickasaw Nation Ambassador At-Large recognized for outstanding contributions to state, institutions, tribe

McCaleb honored by Putnam City Schools Foundation



Neal McCaleb, left, Chickasaw Nation Ambassador At-Large to the United States, receives thunderous applause at the unveiling of his portrait April 17 in a ceremony honoring him by the Putnam City Public Schools Foundation. Joining the ambassador on stage is the foundation's chairman Charles Lundeen, right.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Three governors witnessed Chickasaw Nation Ambassador At-Large to the United States receive honors for his never-ending mission to enhance the lives of others.

Neal McCaleb was honored by the Putnam City Public Schools Foundation April 17 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Governor Bill Anoatubby and former Oklahoma chief executives Brad Henry and Frank Keating joined more than 430 others in attendance. Mr. McCaleb became the 11th honoree of the foundation's Wall of Fame.

Mr. McCaleb used the honor to

bring the kids along well.

"She made everybody feel the warmth of her love. Teachers are so important in the development of the lives of children."

He recalled "I had the honor of nominating her for teacher of the year when I was serving in the Oklahoma Legislature" and said his fondness and memories of her remain fresh 61 years after graduating Putnam City High School.

The foundation is celebrating the centennial of Putnam City Schools. Mr. McCaleb, with a gleeful voice, noted he has celebrated 72 of those years "almost three-quarters of the centennial. I started at Putnam City in first grade and graduated in 1953."

It was former Gov. Keating who asked the audience to look at the breadth of the ambassador's selflessness to others since "1953 right on through to 2014."

Mr. McCaleb served in Gov. Keating's administration as secretary of the Oklahoma Transportation Department and leader of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

"What is amazing to me about Neal, and for all of us who love him as a human being, a dad, as a husband, as a father and grandfather, is that he is always optimistic and always trying to do better for others," Gov. Keating said. "He

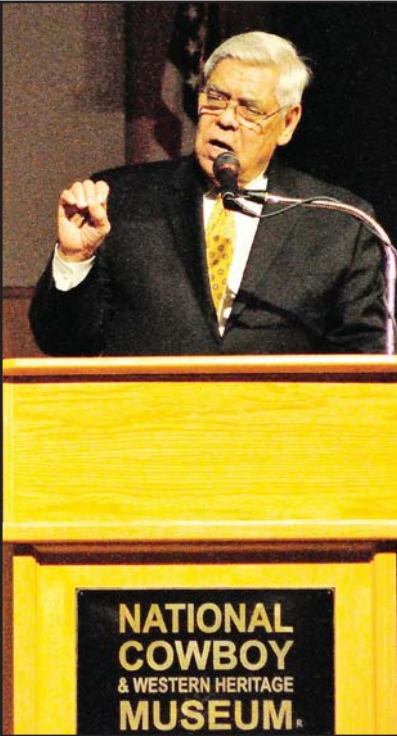
was always thinking big. He was always thinking about Oklahoma. He was never 'through.' (His) is a life that isn't ending anytime soon, but is committed to us as a friend and neighbor. (His life) is a magnificent panorama of a fellow Oklahoman."

Mr. McCaleb served three presidents - Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush. He served several years in the Oklahoma Legislature as minority floor leader in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and served as assistant secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs on a federal level.

He now serves the Chickasaw people as ambassador, a post he was appointed to in 2013 by Gov. Anoatubby after the death of Ambassador Charles W. Blackwell.

Mr. McCaleb joins 10 other distinguished Putnam City Schools graduates on the Wall of Fame. Several of the honorees are Neil Woodward, Amazon Inc., executive and 1980 grad; Mick Cornett, Oklahoma City mayor and 1976 grad; Steve Largent, former OU football and pro football stand-out and 1972 grad, and Debbie Giannopoulos, a renowned opera vocalist and 1970 grad.

The foundation is dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities for students of Putnam Schools. It has named a Wall of



Neal McCaleb, Chickasaw Nation Ambassador At-Large to the United States, makes a point about the importance of teachers in the lives of each student with whom they interact. The ambassador was honored April 17 at a gala at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Fame honoree each year since 2004. A portrait of Mr. McCaleb, unveiled during the ceremony, will be placed in the Putnam City Schools administration building.

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

Washburns serve in Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation posts

Chickasaw couple serving country in Obama administration



Chickasaw citizens Elizabeth (Rodke) and Kevin Washburn.

WASHINGTON - A young Chickasaw couple is working to enhance the lives of all Americans while serving in significant roles in Washington, D.C.

Kevin and Elizabeth (Rodke) Washburn, both Chickasaw legal scholars, are working in key positions with the United States Department of Interior in Washington.

President Barack Obama appointed Elizabeth Washburn, 44, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation in May 2013.

Kevin Washburn has served as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of Interior since October, 2012.

In his role as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Washburn is responsible for fulfilling the Interior Department's trust responsibilities to 566 American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, as well as promoting the self-determination and economic well-being of the tribes and their members. His duties include oversight of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education as well dealing with issues from law enforcement to natural resources.

"It is a challenging job, but I get great support from the president and the Secretary of the Interior, as well as good advice from Governor Anoatubby and Lieutenant Governor Keel," he said. "We also have terrific staff here at the Department of the Interior."

According to Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Mr. Washburn is doing more than simply meeting expectations.

"Kevin Washburn is exceeding the high expectations many had for him when he was confirmed

to this post," Gov. Anoatubby said. "His knowledge of Indian law and policy are helping him develop and implement policies which could very well make a positive long-term impact on tribal self-governance. We believe his work will enhance the government-to-government relationship between the federal government and tribes across the United States for years to come."

While he has impeccable academic credentials and impressive work experience, Mr. Washburn said his personal experience with self-governance plays an important role in virtually all of his decisions.

"As a Chickasaw whose family benefited so much from tribal self-governance, I think that everything we do must be informed by self-governance," Mr. Washburn said. "Governor Anoatubby personally went out on a limb many years ago when he placed our tribe so firmly on the path to self-governance, because we might have blamed him if it had failed. But he believed in the ability of our people to run our programs, and his faith and courage has paid off well for the tribe."

"All across the range of the work of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education and other offices that I oversee, the work is performed better when tribes step up and take a significant role."

Chickasaw meeting challenges, empowering tribes

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"I serve as a conduit to people wanting to work with Reclama-

tion," Mrs. Washburn said in a recent telephone interview.

A federal agency, the Bureau of Reclamation is dedicated to managing, developing and protecting national water resources.

In the past few months, Mrs. Washburn has been assigned to several multipart tasks within the agency, including planning for the impact of climate change, establishing a social media presence and water conservation.

The Bureau of Reclamation now has a social media presence, thanks to efforts by Mrs. Washburn and her team.

"Our Facebook and Twitter sites are proactive. We are trying to be responsive when people reach out to us."

Two staff members are dedicated to the social media sites and provided vital information during a recent emergency.

During a Colorado flood, timely information was distributed on the new social media sites.

"We have seen a lot of people reaching out to us through social media."

Washburn Family

A mother of two, Mrs. Washburn is thankful her children, 11- year-old Colbert and 9-year-old Ford, have the opportunity to live in a unique place like Washington. They are able to experience living in a multicultural area and see the interworking's of the federal government.

"The best part of being here are opportunities you can't replicate outside of D.C. - it is good for (the boys) to see how the government works," she said. "They get to see us at work and interact with people we work with. It sets the stage for them to want to work in public service and to know what path to take to lead them there."

Tours of Washington attractions and other notable and historical sites, she said, also create good opportunities for the boys to learn about American history in an interactive way.

Chickasaw Heritage

Mrs. Washburn is appreciative

to be a Chickasaw representing her tribe at a national level.

"I am proud and happy I can be here representing the Chickasaw Nation and grateful the tribe has been so supportive of me."

Mrs. Washburn said she has always felt supported by the Chickasaw Nation throughout her career.

"I have felt complete support from Chickasaw Nation Gov. Anoatubby and the entire Chickasaw Nation."

Mrs. Washburn received a Juris doctorate degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law, a Master of Arts in government from Texas Woman's University and a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University of Oklahoma. She also served on various boards and committees around the country.

The Washburn family resides in Maryland.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance and Tony Choate, Media Relations.

Connecting genealogy with citizenship and voter registration

Regardless of where you live, being a registered Chickasaw voter is an important responsibility and privilege of Chickasaw citizens.

When casting a ballot in tribal elections, Chickasaw voters are helping shape the future of the tribe, preserving the past and honoring Chickasaw ancestors.

Each registered Chickasaw voter can trace their family lineage to an ancestor listed on the Dawes Rolls. Connection to a Chickasaw ancestor on the Dawes Rolls is essential for Chickasaw citizenship and voting privileges.

Applications for the Dawes Rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes were accepted from 1898-1907, which created a list of Indians by blood in Indian Territory during this time.

A few additional people were accepted by an Act of Congress in 1914.

To be eligible for a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood and citizenship in one of these tribes, including Chickasaw, an individual must establish he or she is a

lineal descendant of an original enrollee.

The Genealogy Archive Center at the Holisso Research Center on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., can provide a wealth of information and assistance when seeking genealogy information.

Genealogy collections, historic maps, photo archives, historic documents, census records and a complete set of Dawes Commission Rolls of Chickasaw citizens from 1896 to 1906 are housed at the Holisso Research Center.

Additional historical collections can be studied at the Tribal Library in Ada.

Chickasaw Nation Government Services provides CDIB, Chickasaw citizenship cards and information to Chickasaws who are direct descendants of enrollees on the Dawes Commission Rolls

Once citizenship is established, Chickasaws who are 18 years old or older are eligible to apply to become a voter. Registering to vote in Chickasaw elections is an easy process. Registration can be

initiated online, by email, by letter or by calling the Chickasaw Nation Election office.

Chickasaws who are registered to vote with another Indian tribe are not eligible to register as a Chickasaw voter unless voting rights with that tribe are terminated.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Office conducts all tribal elections, registers eligible Chickasaw citizens as voters and updates voter records.

The Chickasaw Nation is a democratic republic. Registered voters elect a governor and lieutenant governor to four-year terms. Chickasaw voters also elect 13 members to the tribal legislature and three justices to the tribal Supreme Court.

Tribal election ballots are mailed to registered voters during election periods. Registered voters mark, sign and return the ballot in the provided postage-paid envelope.

For voter registration forms

Uday Rao named Information Technology executive officer



Uday (UK) Rao

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently appointed an experienced technology professional to a leadership position within the Chickasaw Nation Division of Information Technology and Services.

Uday (UK) Rao was named Chickasaw Nation Division of Information Technology and Services Executive Officer.

He is an accomplished information technology leader with more than 30 years of leadership experience in the energy and financial services industries.

“Mr. Rao brings extensive experience, knowledge and a wide range of skills to his new position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His leadership and strategic planning skills will help us maximize our effectiveness and better serve Chickasaw citizens.”

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Information Technology and Services provides pertinent, timely and vital information to Chickasaw citizens and employees.

As executive officer, Mr. Rao’s responsibilities include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Chickasaw Nation’s Information Technology, which includes the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and dozens of other facilities.

Prior to joining the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Rao served as senior vice president and chief information

officer at Tulsa-based Seminole Energy. He also worked for several years at Williams Companies in IT leadership roles.

Mr. Rao earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Chennai, India. He earned an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta, India.

He has also served in leadership positions supporting United Way agencies, including the Crossroads Clubhouse and Margaret Hudson Program in Tulsa.

While considering employment with the Chickasaw Nation, a Tulsa co-worker and Chickasaw citizen encouraged Mr. Rao to accept the position. She told him that he would be happy working for the

Chickasaw Nation, because they would treat him like family.

Mr. Rao has experienced that culture of familial inclusion since beginning work April 1.

“I have felt most welcome here by everyone,” he said.

Mr. Rao and his wife, Marcy, have 17-year-old twins, son Alex and daughter Emily.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Ben Barrick appointed director



Ben Barrick

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently appointed Ben Barrick director of the risk management and insurance operations department. The mission

of this department is to manage the property, fleet and liability insurance of the Chickasaw Nation.

“Ben Barrick has the knowledge, experience and expertise to serve the Chickasaw Nation well in this position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “This work is vital to help secure our assets and provide safeguards to protect the financial position of the tribe.”

Mr. Barrick has been an insurance professional for more than 30 years. He began working as an insurance specialist for the Chickasaw Nation in 2005.

“It’s very rewarding, that we do something that matters. It’s about the people,” Mr. Barrick said.

The risk management and insurance operations department

protects the financial integrity of continuing operations of the Chickasaw Nation. The purpose of risk management is to anticipate and evaluate possible risks so the Nation is better prepared.

Mr. Barrick majored in music education at East Central University in Ada.

The only boy of six children, Mr. Barrick is a dedicated family man. He met his wife, Janet, in high school where he was drum major and she was a twirler. They were high school sweethearts.

The couple has four children; Brad, Joel, Jennifer and Joy along with six grandchildren.

CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.



Chickasaw citizen Shondra McCage was recently appointed as a commissioner for the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women by Oklahoma. Mrs. McCage is pictured with Chickasaw citizen and U.S. Senate candidate T.W. Shannon

McCage named to women’s group

OKLAHOMA CITY – Chickasaw citizen Shondra McCage joined a select group of women this past October when she was appointed to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. The commission serves as a strong and respected voice for the women of Oklahoma.

Mrs. McCage is one of 30 members who make up the commission. Commissioners serve the mission by “improving the quality of life for women and families in Oklahoma.”

The commission was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1994.

It monitors legislation and acts as a resource for research on issues related to women. The commission reports annually to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding its activities.

The commission also makes recommendations concerning needed legislation or regulatory changes relating to equity and gender bias. For more information on the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, visit www.ok.gov/ocsw.

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Native youth program supported by USDA grant

Law school to host indigenous agriculture program for Indian Youth

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – Several Native American youth will have the opportunity to take part in a summer leadership program at the University of Arkansas School of Law. The program will focus on indigenous food and agriculture.

The university’s Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative will host the program “Summer Leadership Summit: Native Youth in Agriculture” July 21-25 for 50 Native American high school and college students.

University of Arkansas professors, food and agriculture professionals and tribal leaders will lead sessions about risk management, finance and business, legal

issues and marketing.

“This is an outstanding example of interdisciplinary work at the University of Arkansas,” Sharon Gaber, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said. “Our faculty will use their considerable expertise to help Indian Country build a sustainable food and agriculture sector.”

Students from each of the Bureau of Indian Affairs regions are eligible to attend.

“The Leadership Institute Program will provide a pipeline of support for building the next generation of Indian Country’s food and agriculture leaders,” Chickasaw citizen Janie Hipp, director of

the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, said.

The Intertribal Agriculture Council, National FFA Organization and the Farm Credit Council are partnering with the School of Law on the program, which is supported by a grant from the Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The event application materials and program descriptions will be available soon on the program’s website.

For more information, or to support the Leadership Program, please contact Janie Hipp at jhipp@uark.edu.

Batton moves up to top Choctaw post



Choctaw Nation Chief Pyle

April 28 to fill the remainder of

Mr. Pyle’s unfinished term which will be more than one year. Elections are slated for 2015.

Mr. Pyle served more than 13 years as the assistant chief before being elected to the top post in 1997.

He and his wife, Patti, have two grown children and seven grandchildren.

He was inducted into the Okla-

homa Hall of Fame in 2007 and has guided the tribe in multiple business ventures while increasing opportunities in education, housing, scholarships and medical care for the Choctaws whose tribal citizenship totals approximately 200,000.

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Education investment nears \$12 million for FY14

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription

drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2014

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$12.8 million for the month and \$77.57 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$8.75 million for the month and \$58.81 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through March totaled \$533.48 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$128.18 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2014, the tribal government funds had \$246.21 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$20.17 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$162.48 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2014

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 7,060,138	611,059,313	618,119,451
Total funds available	77,577,394	(77,577,394)	-
	84,637,532	533,481,919	618,119,451
Expenditures			
General government	3,019,899		3,019,899
Legislature	1,369,668		1,369,668
Judiciary	582,999		582,999
Education	11,828,655		11,828,655
Heritage Preservation	8,251,689		8,251,689
Health	9,643,653		9,643,653
Youth Services	1,737,138		1,737,138
Family Services	4,297,332		4,297,332
Nutrition Programs	3,034,684		3,034,684
Regulatory	4,825,398		4,825,398
Assistance Programs	10,222,225		10,222,225
Gaming expense		351,039,560	351,039,560
Other businesses’ expense		131,837,300	131,837,300
Total expenditures	58,813,340	482,876,860	541,690,200
Increase in net assets	25,824,192	50,605,059	76,429,251
Beginning net assets	697,884,311	922,218,076	1,620,102,387
Ending net assets	\$ 723,708,503	972,823,135	1,696,531,638

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2014

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments			
Receivables	\$ 246,210,594	162,478,067	408,688,661
Inventory	25,440,850	72,113,669	97,554,519
Prepaid expenses	37,638	7,501,297	7,538,935
Other Assets		17,686,637	17,686,637
Fixed assets		1,202,500	1,202,500
Less payables	454,466,164	851,303,676	1,305,769,840
Net Assets	(2,446,743)	(139,462,711)	(141,909,454)
	\$ 723,708,503	972,823,135	1,696,531,638

BIRTHS



Julian Wolf Snyder

Julian Wolf Snyder was born March 12, 2014 to Thomas and Rebecca Snyder, of Echo Park (Los Angeles), Calif. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. He is the paternal grandson of Gene and Janice Snyder, of Sherman Oaks, Calif. He is the maternal grandson of of Fred and Andrea Medina, of Pasadena, Calif. His father and grandfather are Chickasaw tribal members. He is the great-grandson of the late Cassie Pearl Archerd Snyder, an original enrollee born in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.



Nathaniel Jack Egge

Nathaniel Jack Egge was born March 20, 2014 at New York City. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. He is the son of Samuel and Viktoria Egge. He is a citizen of Austria, his mother's birth country, the United States and will soon receive his Chickasaw CDIB card. His Chickasaw ancestors are: Sugar Mary Johnson Jack, roll #3844; her son, Walter Jack, roll #3845. His great-great-great-great-uncle was Mazeppa Turner, well known I.T. pioneer. He is welcomed by a large family in the U.S.A and Austria.



Charlie Warren Cooper

Charlie Warren Cooper was born December 19, 2013. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 1/4 ounces and measured 18 1/4 inches at birth. He is son of Ian and Marla Cooper of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Richard and Tina Cooper, of Ada, and the late Noel Miller, of Chandler, Okla. and Cheryl Miller of Shawnee, Okla. He is a descendant of Dawes roll member, Wellington Kemp.



John William Ellis

John William Ellis was born Jan. 8, 2014 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Carmen and John Ellis. He weighed 8 lbs., 0.6 oz and measured 19 3/4 inches at birth. He is the grandson of JoAnn Ellis, of Tupelo Okla., Clifton and Linda Ellis, of Holdenville, Okla., Patsy Horton, of Ada and Sharon and Bernard Wakole, of Stuart Okla. He has two brothers Christian and Trenton Ellis.

Davis Anderson shows for multicultural day



Davis Anderson is the son of Matt and Lauren Anderson, grandson of Susan and Larry Lyon, grandson of David and Nancy Moore and the great-grandson of Bobbie Elpley. Davis attends Bright Horizons Baylor All-Saints Child Care in Fort Worth, Texas. In February, his school celebrated multicultural day and the children were to dress up to represent their heritage. Davis wore his Native American outfit to celebrate his Chickasaw heritage

Emerson Family Reunion

June 8, 2014
Mill Creek (OK) School Cafeteria
Lunch at 12:30 p.m.
Please bring your favorite dish! For more information contact Teresa Bolin at (580) 504-6844 or Deb Hook at (580) 618-1073.

Birthday Gospel Singing for Joseph Wolf

7 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2014
Cornerstone Full Gospel Church
316 N. Main, Caddo, Okla.
Featuring the Carpitcher's from Tahlequah, Okla.
All singers and listeners welcome! Concession available.
For more information call (580) 380-3322 or (580) 760-6127.

Gray, Wesberry announce engagement; to wed in Sulphur



Leslie Wesberry Jr. and Dara Gray

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gray, of Mannsville, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wesberry, of Madill, Okla., are happy to announce the engagement of their children,

Dara Gray and Leslie Wesberry, Jr. The couple will exchange vows June 7 at Sulphur, Okla. Miss Gray is a 2009 graduate of Dickson (OK) High School and

is currently attending Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, graduating in May earning a bachelor's degree in natural science. Mr. Wesberry is a 2009 graduate of Tishomingo (OK) High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2013 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant. He is currently attending Michigan State University College of Law. Grandparents of the bride are Sharon Parson, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, all of Mannsville. Grandparents of the groom are Lewis (L.C.) Wesberry, of Hendrix, Okla., and Chuck and Betty Wasson, of Dickinson, Texas and the late Lucretia Wesberry, Peggy Riddle and Joe Riddle.

Mary Ruth Barnes named ACS Top Performer



Mary Ruth Barnes

The Top Performer Award recognizes an employee who has achieved the highest performance in planned giving with the Society's Planned Giving Business Unit. Mrs. Barnes for the year 2012 documented over \$5.7 million in planned and 2013 documented over \$4.8 million in planned gifts to help fight cancer. In addition, she met all merit goals, for the benefit of PGBU and the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Barnes joined the Society in 2008, after serving as director of development for the Advancement Office of the regional East Central University in Ada, Okla., and executive director of Valley View Foundation. Mrs. Barnes holds a bachelor's degree from North Carolina State and a master's degree from Montana State University. She has recently completed her Certified Fund Raising Executive Program certification. Mrs. Barnes is a Chickasaw citizen and has received honors for her watercolor artwork, currently featured in the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. In addition, she is active in her community through the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, current Vice-President of Artists of the Arbuckles Association, and a member of AFP of Oklahoma, an organization that promotes philanthropy by empowering people and organizations to practice ethical and effective professional fundraising. "It is an honor to be the recipient of such prestigious recognition, and I am excited to be a part of an organization where I can help bridge the gap between the American Cancer Society's mission and the desires of Society donors, who are passionate about the use of their dollars to fight back against cancer," Mrs. Barnes said.

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Prebble Ramswell elected to Destin council



Christian University, and is completing her Ph.D. at the University of Southern Mississippi. She previously has worked as a lobbyist aide in Austin, Texas served on a Round Rock, Texas task force, and worked for the federal government in the Washington, D.C. area. She currently works for the Destin Fire Control District as an open-water rescuer.

Prebble Q. Ramswell (McLaughlin), a Chickasaw, defeated seven other candidates including the incumbent and two former councilmen to become only the fourth female ever to be elected to office in Destin, Fla. Mrs. Ramswell earned 19.65 percent of the votes cast, with incumbent Jim Foreman finishing

second and gathering 16.10 percent of the votes. This was Mrs. Ramswell's first run for political office. Her term will run through 2018. She is a native of Houston and the daughter of Joe and Al-Rue McLaughlin. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston, a master's from Texas

BIRTHDAY



Maya "Nanu" Strong

Maya "Nanu" Strong celebrated her first birthday April 19, 2014 at San Antonio with her mother and father, aunt, uncles, cousins, grandparents, great-uncles, great-aunts and great-grandparents. She loves to smell flowers and watch monkeys swing in the trees. She loves to dance to any music that has a good beat. She is the daughter of Charles J. Strong, of McAllen, Texas and Prastisha (Upadhaya) Strong, of Kathmandu, Nepal. She is the granddaughter of John D. Strong and Isabel A. (Fernandez) Strong, of Highland Village, Texas and the great-granddaughter of Charles R. Strong and Patricia M. (McGuire) Strong, of Edinburg, Texas.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Chickasaw youth participate in stickball league

Six Chickasaw youth participated in the Choctaw Nation Youth Stickball League as team members of the Lil' Southeast Thunder. Competing in two age groups (12 and under; 13-17 years), the Thunder finished 9-0 and 6-0-3, respectively. Both teams were undefeated and earned the title of League Champions. From left are Makynlee Miller, Ada; T.J. Clark, Stratford; Tyson Going, Ada; Devon Chapman, Byng; Jesse Clark, Stratford; and Cydnee Miller, Ada.

Tribe launches innovative vermicomposting program



Cody Sanders, Ada, displays his home vermicomposting system built while attending Environmental Camp in 2009. This year the camp will take place May 28-30.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizens are aware of the superb food served at Okchamali's Café located inside the Chickasaw Medical Center. Hundreds of people eat at the café daily, knowing the food served is healthy. Fruits, vegetables and a full-service salad bar are items served daily Okchamali's Café.

While most of the food is consumed by patrons, there are always leftovers. To reduce the burden on the local landfill and support the Chickasaw Nation's stewardship focus, Okchamali's Café will be the test site for a composting pilot program. "Okchamali's Café is good reliable source for composting ma-

terials," environmental specialist Ambrie Johnson said. "They don't cook with lots of salt and fat. The vegetables, fruit and other nutritious items will be collected and used to make great fertilizer. We plan on using this soil to grow vegetables at the community gardens." If successful, Mr. Johnson hopes that Okchamali's Café will be the first of many compost pick-up sites within the Chickasaw Nation. "This is a plan that will be built upon," he said. "We want to get to where the Chickasaw Nation is adding little to the waste stream. Every day we throw away thousands of pounds of renewable trash into landfills, much of which can be recycled or used in other creative ways, like composting." The process used to make the compost from the food collected at the Okchamali's Café is as unique as the program itself. Instead of using traditional composting methods, a special breed of earthworms is used to make compost faster and richer for soils. "We are using a process of composting the material collected at the café called vermicomposting," Mr. Johnson said. "Vermicomposting uses worms to speed up the process. It is more efficient and takes less time and energy to see the benefits than customary composting methods. We should start seeing usable materials within two to three months." According to the Oklahoma State University Extension Office, the end product of vermicom-

posting is better for plants and soil than most commercial fertilizers. Vermicomposting reduces the cost of municipal solid waste collection and prolongs the life of landfills. "There are a lot of benefits to vermicomposting," Mr. Johnson said. "We will save money by taking less trash to the landfill, we won't have to buy as much fertilizer for our gardens and we will have another teaching tool to show our citizens how to live a sustainable lifestyle." **About Vermicomposting** Nothing is more mysterious in the natural world than the intertwining and interaction of animals among one another. Among these creatures is the lowly, wiggly red and pink worm that tunnels beneath our feet. More than bait for a Saturday afternoon fishing trip, these insatiable eaters provide many needed nutrients into the soil for plants to grow healthy and strong. They are Mother Nature's garbage disposals, eating any organic material in their path and leaving soils rich with nutrients. Vermicomposting is great for home gardens and flowerbeds. Containing nutrients that dissolve and slowly spread in water when added to soil, the compost is nutrient rich and conditions the earth. Vermicomposting is 100 percent organic and eliminates the need for store-bought fertilizers. With less than two pounds of worms, most kitchen trash can be turned into money saving compost.

According to research done by the University of Nebraska, vermicompost contains five times more nitrogen, seven times more phosphorus and 11 times more potassium than normal soil. Vermicompost is rich in humic acids and improves soil structure. Gardeners can buy vermicomposting kits for home use for less than \$100, or they can be made from products bought at the local hardware store. Vermicomposting bins come in different sizes and materials, but they all maintain proper living conditions for the worms that live within them. "We have a vermicomposting system that can handle about fifty pounds of vegetable matter a day," Mr. Johnson said. "Home vermicomposting systems don't need to be anywhere near that big. With a pound or two of worms and easy modifications to a plastic tote, a family can significantly reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill and have great compost for their garden." Home composting has been studied by the Chickasaw Nation since 2007. Each year, Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services hosts hands-on learning classes at Environmental Camp and at Senior Sites that includes composing demonstrations. The pilot program at Okchamali's Café is a natural progression from what environmental technicians have learned from teaching composting for the home. For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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Robotics, camps, programs focus on engineering futures

Science, Tech, Math Academy promotes careers

"The journey (to) space for me began with a cardboard box when I was about eight years old, dreaming about being an astronaut, but not realizing it was something I could actually accomplish," Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington observed several years ago following his historic 2002 trip to space. A young boy or girl's Imagination is a boundless, wondrous, anything-is-possible place where dreams can come true. Playing is the best way to learn, educators agree. Cmdr. Herrington is proof. Equipped with a simple cardboard box, his imagination took him into space long before he boarded the Space Shuttle Endeavor for a 13-day mission. He became the first Native American member of a specific tribe to travel in space. Nurturing a child's imagination can lead to glorious success and achievement. The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math (STM) Academy is home to many programs devoted to teach Native American youth of all ages through play, while directing them in science fields. The STM Academy offers a place for students to learn from dedicated teachers, professional volunteer mentors and Native American peers near their own age. There, they can dream of the reality they desire for the future. Open in 2011, the STM Academy is a state-of-the-art facility that houses the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy, Space Camp, FIRST LEGO League, FIRST Robotics Competition, FIRST Tech Challenge, Junior FIRST LEGO League and the Summer Science Enrichment Academy. "We want our children to be extraordinary," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We want them to excel." zThe Chickasaw Nation began a high school age robotics team in 2006. With the success of the robotics team, other science and technology programs have been developed for younger students. These provide a base of knowledge to be used as children move into more advanced programs based on age, culminating with



Gov. Bill Anoatubby listens as members of the Chickasaw Metal Mayhem Robotics team explain how their robot will complete the challenges before a robotics tournament in Oklahoma City.

the high school robotics team. These programs are based on the National FIRST family of educational programs. To make learning and classroom activities more fun for younger children, FIRST has partnered with the building block toy company LEGO to design science and technology curriculum based on this familiar toy brand. "The robotics students are high school students from 15 to 18," Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Culture and Humanities Lisa John said. "We thought 'why not provide programs like LEGO and Junior LEGO' so our younger students can be mentored by the robotics team. It is a smooth transition from Junior LEGO to LEGO and then to robotics." With these programs located in one building, students can learn from one another. Starting at age six, children interested in science benefit from the STM Academy. "We thought it was important to introduce at the younger age because we know that it is exciting. Math and science can be fun," Mrs. John said. "There are programs that can make them a celebration." The response of the younger students has been outstand-

ing. Additional Junior LEGO and LEGO groups have been added to meet community demand at the STM Academy. "We have been shocked by the number of students who are part of Junior LEGO and LEGO teams," Mrs. John said. "We grow each year. It's working. They are transitioning into robotics. From age six, everybody is looking at robotics and saying 'we want to be a part of that team.' It is creating an excitement among our children." The academy features a classroom with SmartBoard technology and a well-equipped shop area to build and program robots. This state-of-the-art classroom provides an environment that engages and educates students with the help of various multimedia tools, including a flight simulator. The building has a functional kitchen to be used when hosting the numerous camps throughout the year. "The Chickasaw Nation is on the cutting edge," STM teacher Oscar Gore said. "If our students take the initiative and dive into the STEM areas, we could excel so fast and so far."

Chickasaw Nation responds

to Educational Needs

STM Academy students represent 14 school systems, including home school, within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. The curriculum designed by the academy supplements school science programs. Two important camps are hosted at the STM Academy during the summer - Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) and Summer Science Enrichment Academy. CNASA encourages Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science and math to pursue careers in these fields. This action-packed week includes building rockets, using test flight simulators and flying small aircraft. "A number of students who attended CNASA in the past are now pursuing educations and careers in the science and technology fields," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This academy, along with the FIRST robotics and other programs, is helping students expand their horizons." To encourage Chickasaw children from all over the country to participate, the Chickasaw Nation provides scholarships for the weeklong camp that pays for

transportation, housing and food. For many, this camp is a rare opportunity to spend time with other Native American children. "Once a year we have a camp for one week," STM teacher Rob Murray said. "We bring Chickasaw kids in from all over the country. We teach them a few things about how to make things, about flight and how to interact with other kids." "You get to learn about new stuff," CNASA camper Logan Amos said. "When you're out of school you lose stuff in your head. We learn about flight and astronauts. Today I learned about the first Chickasaw astronaut." Cultural activities are also featured during the camp. These include stomp dances, arts and crafts, learning culturally important stories and being introduced to the Chickasaw language. These activities can be shared with others, especially for those who live out of state. The Summer Science Enrichment Academy is a hands-on learning experience for youth ages six through 18. The academy takes place during the summer months. Those who attend the Summer Science Enrichment Academy learn basic science and math skills through experimentation. Using robots, they are introduced to many computer programs and programming skills. Children also learn basic mechanical and electrical engineering concepts as they physically build robots. **Vision of Success** Joshua Tingle is among the leaders of tomorrow. Joshua is a Chickasaw student at Sulphur (OK) High School. He spends his time as an active participant in the Chickasaw STM Academy and a member of the Chickasaw Youth Robotics team. "Joshua Tingle is one of our most exceptional students," Mr. Gore said. "His future is endless. He can be the next John Herrington, the next Chickasaw in space." Joshua began his journey in the introductory Junior LEGO pro-

Chickasaw prep athlete Shelby Parnacher a ‘double All-Stater’



The Parnacher family met with Governor Bill Anoatubby April 3 when it was announced Chickasaw citizen Shelby Parnacher had been named Oklahoma All-State in two sports. From left are, Shelby's grandmother, Mary Jane Smith; Gov. Anoatubby; All-State honoree Shelby Parnacher; her mother, Shannon and her father, Craig.

ADA, Okla. – Shelby Parnacher has been selected by the Oklahoma Girls Basketball Coaches Association to Oklahoma All-State teams in basketball and fast pitch softball, becoming the first Latta (OK) High School Panther named All-State in the two sports.

It is a fitting culmination of exemplary athletic leadership and performance for Panther teams since she was a freshman. She graduates this year and will enroll in college in the fall semester.

The 18-year-old daughter of Shannon and Craig Parnacher

will play for the Small 2A East All-State team May 31 against the Small 2A West All-State Team in basketball. Tipoff will be 1 p.m. at Westmoore High School, in Moore.

The very next weekend, Shelby will take third base during All-State fast pitch softball action at the University of Oklahoma. She has been third baseman and lead-off batter for the Lady Panthers for years and competed in state fast pitch tournament action as a freshman.

Governor Bill Anoatubby con-

gratulated Shelby, her parents and grandmother on the honors during a special visit at Chickasaw Nation headquarters April 3.

“We are extremely proud of Shelby’s accomplishments,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Earning honors on two All-State teams takes hard work and dedication as well as talent. We believe her strong work ethic and commitment will serve her well as she pursues her education and athletic goals at the next level.”

Shelbey said meeting the governor was a special experience.

“It was such an honor to meet with Gov. Anoatubby and to have my family with me,” Shelby said. “It was amazing.”

It may be a special relation between her late grandfather and Shelby that encouraged her to great feats on the court and diamond.

WATCHING FROM ABOVE

Chickasaw elder Lloyd Parnacher loved his grandchildren. He was particularly fond of watching Shelby’s athletic prowess. As a freshman, she started at point guard for the Lady Panther basketball team, the first underclassman to make the cut.

Her grandfather knew talent when he saw it and told his granddaughter a berth to the state tournament was in Latta’s future. Mr. Parnacher was there for nearly every game cheering on

Shelbey and the Lady Panthers.

Just as the team was maturing and becoming seasoned enough to compete for a state title, he succumbed to illness in July 2013 at age 89.

Shelbey and her mother are emotional about the family’s loss just when Latta was poised for greatness.

“He kept encouraging Shelby. He would say ‘this is the year,’” Mrs. Parnacher said.

Shelbey’s grandfather was, in fact, correct. This was the year and the Lady Panthers would make it all the way to the state tournament before suffering a three-point overtime loss to Preston that ended the season. Preston went on to claim the 2A state championship trophy.

“He was watching this year. I know it,” Shelby said of her grandfather. “He may not have been ‘here,’ but he watched every game.”

LOOKING AHEAD TO HELP OTHERS

Shelbey has decided to enroll at a two-year college with plans to transfer to a Division I university later.

Two Kansas schools and an Arkansas school have dispatched recruiters to watch her play. However, no scholarship offer has been extended because the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Asso-

ciation prohibits contact with athletes at this point. That changes when she graduates May 20.

Shelbey traveled to Connors State College in Warner, Okla., and tried out for the basketball squad.

“I want to stay close to home for now,” Shelby said.

The Latta senior averaged eight points per game, had 97 steals, assisted teammates 59 times and had a 61 percent rate from the charity stripe.

Her mother credits Shelby’s close-knit family relationships as the reason why Shelby is probably not prepared to be in Kansas while her parents, grandparents, Stanley and Mary Jane Smith, little sister and little brother remain in southern Oklahoma.

“I know she’s my daughter, but she has the sweetest heart,” Mrs. Parnacher said. “She acts almost like a mother to her little brother (Kele, 16) and little sister (Kelbey, 7) and is constantly watching out for everyone.”

Aside from stellar athletic abilities, Shelby will be taking a 3.6 GPA with her to college. She hopes to become an athletic trainer, essentially a medically-trained first responder to athletes who suffer injuries. She has her sights set on a career at a high school initially and then at the college level once she has earned her degree.

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Chickasaw station KCNP leads the way in storm coverage



KCNP Station Manager Brian Brashier reporting live on severe weather within the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation is home to some of the most diverse weather in the world. It can include winters with bitter single-digit temperatures or brutal 100-plus degree heat during the dog days of summer.

Each season creates unique dangers for residents, but spring is especially volatile as the temperature extremes clash to produce some of the most violent and unpredictable weather on the planet.

The Chickasaw Nation lies within southern Oklahoma. Weather coverage from news outlets is provided by the Oklahoma City or Sherman-Denison (TX) metropolitan markets. Rural towns and communities are often left with little or no updated weather coverage if severe weather threatens.

KCNP Chickasaw community radio provides in-depth weather coverage for its rural listening area.

“Local means different things,” KCNP station manager Brian Brashier said. “An Oklahoma television station may provide information for a local area, but that may mean southern, central or all of Oklahoma depending on the market. For us, local means our listening area, the counties our listeners are in. We are focused on what’s going on in our communities, on county roads and sections of state highways.”

During winter storms and extreme heat conditions, the radio station is in contact with county emergency managers and law enforcement agencies to report hazardous road conditions, school closings, power outages, burn bans and heat advisories within the Chickasaw Nation.

Weather information is continually updated. Typically, the sta-

tion provides updates four times daily. During severe weather outbreaks, reports can be up to the minute.

“The Lighthorse Police provide us with great information year-round that is shared with our listeners,” Mr. Brashier said. “We (KCNP) rely on them for current road conditions. We might receive fog, ice or flash flood advisories from the weather service in a region, but they (Lighthorse) narrow it down to particular communities, and even roads, for our listeners during severe weather.”

KCNP also receives constant weather information from the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Norman, Okla. In emergency situations, the NWS and Pontotoc County Emergency Management officials have authority to interrupt regular broadcasting to issue warnings and alerts.

The radio station is an interactive partner with the NWS. A strong relationship between the entities has been forged over the last five years. KCNP employees have received training from expert meteorologists. Training included radar interpretation and ground storm spotting certification.

Information sent by KCNP to NWS has led to two different severe thunderstorm warnings issued for counties within the station’s listening area.

“These storms looked like they could get pretty strong as they entered northern Murray County or Garvin County,” Mr. Brashier said. “We were worried it might threaten the Chickasaw Cultural Center and locations north. We positioned ourselves on the ground and called the National Weather Service. They focused their radar in our direction and

we confirmed what the radar was seeing and added to it (radar information). Not many radio stations are doing this.”

During severe weather, KCNP sends staff to locations within the Chickasaw Nation where storms are predicted. The vehicle used is outfitted with a two-way radio connected to emergency services. The radio allows spotters to maintain contact with one another and allows maximum coverage an area.

Radios, Mr. Brashier said, are important tools. Many rural locations do not have cellphone reception and signal towers can be disrupted by weather. Radios allow emergency personnel to stay in contact with one another under any condition. Many amateur ra-

dio operators, or ham radio operators, are also trained storm spotters.

KCNP radio continues to adapt with improvements in technology. Today, reporters can call NWS forecasters while in the field. These conversations are linked together with the station and broadcast almost instantly to listeners.

KCNP provides streaming audio service over the Internet that advanced cell phones receive. This service allows listeners to have current weather updates when power is lost to their home or while taking shelter in storm cellars without a radio or power. Family and friends of who live outside the listening area are able to monitor weather conditions

effecting loved ones within the Chickasaw Nation.

The station has many emergency features to ensure it stays on the air. The station’s transmitter employs an emergency generator for power. Ice shields prevent damage to the delicate electronic equipment from hail and falling ice from the large radio tower.

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Spotters help Weather Service predict severe storms

For Oklahomans, weather is part of the collective psyche. Weather impacts lives daily. Oklahomans often look into the vast morning sky and wonder what roller-coaster ride will be in store for the day. Famed Oklahoma comedian Will Rogers once said, “If you don’t like the weather in Oklahoma, just wait a minute and it’ll change.”

There is truth in the statement. Weather systems move fast and are big. Fog, hail and rain can be localized weather events that are part of a larger system. They can develop and dissipate in a matter of minutes, quick enough to be missed on state-of-the-art radar and satellite systems that can take up to 10 minutes to scan the sky.

Since the 1940s, meteorologists of the NWS have relied on detailed information provided by eyewitness accounts for weather forecasting. All across the state, thousands of trained residents, or storm spotters, report local weather to the service.

Spotters come from all walks of life, but all are concerned citizens. According to the NWS, volunteer storm spotters are one of the most valuable assets and an important part of the early warning program for the state. Spotters provide “ground truth” by acting as eyes in the field and providing verification of information obtained by technological means.

Meteorologists use the collected data from storm spotters to make life-saving warnings. Anyone can become part of the NWS storm

spotting team by attending one of the free seminars which take place throughout the state. The two-hour seminar provides understanding of thunderstorm structure, spotting techniques and safety, reporting criteria and procedures for reporting.

“The seminar was very informative,” Chickasaw citizen Josh Rogers said. “I am amazed how much they (NWS) need our reports for accurate storm coverage and how easy it is to provide them. Storm prediction blends older methods of reporting with Ham radio and first person accounts over the phone with technology from the 21st century, like the Internet.”

Once seminars are complete, attendees are certified storm spotters for the NWS.

Storm spotters report information on many different weather

conditions year-round. Most recognizable are springtime events that include tornadoes, hail, strong winds and flash floods. Spotters also relay road conditions during and snow and ice storms, dense fog, extreme heat during the summer and even conditions on the many marine environments within the state.

During the seminar, safety is stressed for spotters. According to NWS, tornadoes are obvious dangers, but lightning, hail and flash floods cause more fatalities annually. Storm spotting should not be confused with storm chasing. Storm spotting can be done from the car on the way to and from work, from the home, or any time dangerous weather is observed. Storm spotters typically do not look for storms to report, but report as they go about their daily routine.

Storm shelters available to Chickasaw citizens

The Chickasaw Nation Storm Shelter Program provides storm shelters for privately owned homes of Chickasaw citizens. For citizens living outside the Chickasaw Nation jurisdictional boundaries, grants will be provided for up to \$2,500 for installation of storm shelters.

Eligibility

- Must be Chickasaw Citizen
- No outstanding debt owed to the housing division or to the Chickasaw Nation
- Home must be the applicant’s primary residence
- Storm shelters are awarded one time only to each family

You Provide

- CDIB/Citizenship card
- Social Security cards of all household members
- Income verification of all household members
- Copy of warranty deed

For more information and required application, visit www.chickasaw.net or call 580-421-8800.

Helping Indian kids is always top of the list

Foster parent program takes priority at Chickasaw Nation

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation takes foster parenting and adoption of Native American children seriously.

Jenifer Jones serves the Nation as manager of the Foster Care program. Her department recently expanded from three employees to five. The tribe hired two family recruiters to supplement efforts to make sure Native American children acquire all they need during difficult personal times.

“Last week, 25 Native families began the paperwork to be foster parents,” Ms. Jones said. “That number is a direct result of our efforts to recruit families.”

May is Foster Care Awareness Month. Ms. Jones and her staff will make their way to the Oklahoma State Capitol to participate in special activities calling attention to the need for qualified fos-

ter families. The tribe partners with Oklahoma on foster care with an emphasis on placing Native children with Native families.

It isn’t easy being a family hosting foster children. The pre-fostering paperwork, background check and expert training each family receives can take up to three months.

That shouldn’t detour families, however. Ms. Jones said such requirements are in place to provide host families with tools they may need to welcome a child into their homes, providing stability and trust in a setting where children may adjust and thrive.

A background check of potential foster parents is conducted along with supplying officials with a full set of fingerprints. Training for those chosen is comprised of a two- to three-day curriculum specifically aimed at

helping foster parents succeed. The training is offered two or three times a year. The department also hosts quarterly foster care meetings.

“The ability to share ideas, experiences and have fellowship is important,” Ms. Jones said.

The vast majority of cases handled by Ms. Jones’ department involve child neglect.

“If a parent is a substance abuser, it makes it extremely difficult for them to be a good parent to their children, she said.

“We always take a family-first attitude. If a child is removed from the home of biological parents, we immediately begin a search to have other family members take in the children.”

Uncles, aunts, brothers, grandparents are all approached first to make a home for the child. If that isn’t possible, then Ms. Jones’

department’s begins the external search for placement. Another goal is to reunite children with biological parents, provided the parent completes the necessary steps to regain custody.

Sadly, it doesn’t always work out. When that happens, adoption becomes a possibility.

Working under the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Nation works to place children with Native parents. Ms. Jones said the state of Oklahoma also works to place Native children with Native parents.

“There are a lot of great families out there ready to adopt,” Ms. Jones said.

The difficulty comes when there may be upward of 10 siblings in need of adoption, but Ms. Jones has success stories to tell.

“One family adopted two siblings in their teens,” she said. “A third child had extensive medical

needs and the family could not take her but they schedule regular visits and extended time so the family stays together. It has worked out very well.”

The older the child, the more difficult it is to have someone adopt, Ms. Jones said. Many children in their teens may never be adopted but reside in a foster care home until they turn 18.

Citizens may fill out paperwork online by going to www.chickasaw.net to become a foster parent. That will get the ball rolling administratively. From there, training and other aspects will begin for successful applicants.

“Probably our most pressing need is the ability to place children immediately in a home,” Ms. Jones said. “Our family recruiters will help us meet that need.”

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Life of a foster mom full of surprise, success, joy

STONEWALL, Okla. – Wendy Harrison checked her schedule and discovered she needed to be in four places at one time.

One of her daughters was scheduled for softball practice, another had a game in Seminole, the youngest was playing in a game locally and a 2- and 3-year-old needed her at home.

“Pretty typical for me,” Ms. Harrison said.

For more than a decade, the Chickasaw woman has fallen in love with the “strange looks when we all go to the store, bathtubs full of mud, wonderful chaos” and even the “normal bickering between family members.”

Ms. Harrison is a mother of four and foster mom to many – from infants to teenagers.

“I want to help children, my tribe and my community,” she said. “Being a foster parent is a blessing and very rewarding.”

She doesn’t attempt to mask the emotionally-charged, stomach-churning realities of taking in a child and later letting go.

“It hurts, but it is a good hurt. If you don’t get attached to the children then you’re not normal,” she said.

MOVING AT THE SPEED OF SOUND

In 2004, a Chickasaw Nation health fair opened the door for Ms. Harrison’s experience as a



The Wendy Harrison family poses for a portrait approximately one year ago. They include, from row from left, Sierra, Mena and Allie Harrison. Back row, Elizabeth Harrison and the mother of the clan, Wendy. Three of the four girls were adopted by Ms. Harrison. Each of the adoptees started life in the family as a foster care child.

foster parent.

A recruiter approached her and asked her to fill out a packet to become a foster parent.

“I took the packet and thought to myself ‘I guess we’ll see what happens.’”

On a Friday in May that year, Ms. Harrison completed all the paperwork. The following Friday, her telephone rang.

Could she possibly take in a

little girl?

Ms. Harrison has been finding room for children ever since. She even has found a “permanent” home to a trio of girls. She adopted them.

Sierra is Ms. Harrison’s biological child and was born in 2000. Three young ladies, Allie, Mena and Elizabeth Harrison, came to “stay only for a brief time.

“In Elizabeth’s case, it turned out to be the longest weekend of my life,” Ms. Harrison laughed. “She is 18 now and preparing to graduate high school. She came to us when she was 11 and it was only for a weekend.”

The Harrison girls are age 9, 11, 14 and 18. The Harrison crew took in a 2- and 3-year-old boy and girl for a week (April 20-27) to provide a little “respite” to the parent fostering the children.

“It’s been a full house,” said the nursing department administrative assistant for the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. “They are yours for a while and you love them while you have them.”

LIVES ENRICHED

The reward Ms. Harrison gets is “being a part of their lives when they really need it. To provide a positive environment is important. If they remember me, they will remember they were loved here. When I first had to give up a child, I bawled like a baby. Tears were flowing everywhere,” she said.

Ms. Harrison said that child was given over to her biological grandmother.

“The child went back to family, and that is the goal we strive for. We want families to stay together.

“These babies deserve their parents. I’m their parent while they are here, but they want momma and daddy.”

It may be one of the reasons Ms. Harrison has made sure each of her adopted children had met their biological mothers or fathers or at least some blood relative. While it may be difficult for a multitude of reasons, it is important to Ms. Harrison.

“The children and the parents or family members decide if they wish for the relationship to continue. Sometimes it is a phone call. Sometimes it is a text message. I leave it up to them,” she said.

A few months ago, the Harrison

family took in four boys. That’s boys with a ‘B.’ The boys joined the Harrison crew in the family’s four-bedroom house in Stonewall, Okla.

“It was wonderful chaos,” Ms. Harrison said. “They stayed a month. It had its challenges with five women in the house.”

Each child who passes through the Stonewall home’s threshold touches lives.

“I guess the part I love most is that,” Ms. Harrison said. “We had a child and when I’d come home and say ‘do you want me to cook supper or order pizza,’ the child would mimic an Italian accent and say ‘I wanta eatta a pizza.’ Even though she is gone now, the girls remember her and mimic her phony accent when it’s pizza time.”

Of course, there is a flip side to that, too.

“We had a foster child who loved to watch SpongeBob Squarepants cartoons, never missed an episode,” Ms. Harrison recalled with a laugh – and a sigh. “Even now, if we’re just flipping through channels and SpongeBob comes on everybody just covers their eyes and ears!”

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Stomp Out Sexual Assault Walk April 12



A record crowd of more than 550 filled Ada’s Wintersmith Park to bring awareness to sexual assault and violence during the tribe’s Stomp Out Sexual Assault campaign April 12. Hundreds of Chickasaws took part in the community-wide effort. Defensive marital arts demonstrations, information on being self-aware, tips on how to stay safe, and the walk culminated the campaign. This year’s attendance broke the record from last year by approximately 100. The event, in its sixth year, has broken attendance records each year. Chickasaws and community citizens are shown walking east across the Wintersmith Lake causeway.

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gram. He is now a senior on the robotics team mentoring other Chickasaw students. His team takes part in robotics events, which challenge its skills and imagination to think beyond the possible.

Joshua is also a talented, award-winning young artist. He changed his projected area of concentration in college to the science and technology fields because of his involvement with the Chickasaw Nation STM program. He enjoyed working with the program so much that during one of his summer youth internships he chose to work at the STM building.

“Being a part of the robotics team has changed what I want to go into after I graduate,” Joshua said. “I will probably go into something in math and science. John Herrington is my role model. It makes me feel like ‘if he can do that, anyone can do it.’ I can go and do it too.”

The STM Academy has influenced more than 4,000 students since 2008. Joshua is just one individual example of how the program has positively impacted Chickasaw youth.

The Chickasaw Nation STM Academy continues to grow by inspiring youth. The STM faculty is excited to see STM Alumni return to assist with the program by mentoring to current participants. This academy will continue to introduce elementary through high school students to the areas of science, math and technology, and expose them to the abundance of opportunities

available in these fields.

Number of Native Americans in science fields declines nationally

Native American representation in fields requiring a high level of math and science knowledge is almost nonexistent. According to the National Action Council on Minorities in Engineering (NACME), less than one-half of one percent (.005) of the engineering workforce is Native American. Only one-tenth of one percent (.001) of engineering faculty are of American Indian descent.

These findings have led NACME to recommend federal and state policies to provide opportunities for minorities to enter science, technology and math careers. These include support for education in these fields beginning at the kindergarten level and lasting through grade 12. The NACME believes support provided for tribal students will decrease high school dropout rates and increase the overall academic achievement levels.

Medical doctors are also an underrepresented career field. A study published by the Association of American Medical Colleges in 2012 showed that 129 first-year medical students in the 2010-2011 year were Native American, compared to 11,951 non-Indian students. The number of medical school graduates was similar during this year, with 135 Native American graduating medical schools, compared to 10,783 non-Indian graduates.

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Tribal volunteers on hand to help

Chickasaw Nation chips in to help Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma



Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce Secretary Bill Lance, and Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Secretary Judy Goforth Parker, Ph.D., APRN-CNP with Oklahoma City Thunder head coach Scott Brooks during the tour of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma March 27.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Every morning, more than 600,000 Oklahomans wake up hungry and wonder about their next meal. The state of Oklahoma is ranked among the top five nationally for the number of people in need of food. But thanks to organizations like the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, families are getting the food they need to feed their families.

On March 27, representatives from the Chickasaw Nation including Governor Bill Anoatubby, Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce Bill Lance and Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, APRN-CNP, Secretary for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health, toured the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

Touring the facility and learning about the positive impact of the food bank has on Oklahomans gave the Chickasaw officials a first-hand look at how much impact volunteers have on daily operations and distribution.

The following day, more than 40 volunteers from the Chickasaw Nation Procurement Department volunteered their time at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to help families in need. Together, the volunteers traveled to Oklahoma City and processed more than 12,000 lbs. of food, equal to more than 10,000 meals for needy families.

The food bank currently distributes enough food for more than 90,000 meals each week. The majority of those served by

the food bank are the working poor, senior citizens and children. Partnering with more than 1,000 charitable feeding programs and schools in 53 central and western Oklahoma counties, the food bank provides food for food pantries, soup kitchens, senior feeding programs, mobile and school pantries, shelters for the homeless, children and battered women and after-school programs.

For every dollar donated, the Regional Food Bank distributes five meals. The administrative and fundraising costs are less than four percent, meaning 96 cents of every dollar go directly to feeding hungry Oklahomans.

The organization would not be able to donate the food to Oklahomans in need without the help of volunteers. Last year, more than 47,000 people volunteered their time, saving the organization \$2.9 million.

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is located North of Will Rogers World Airport at 3355 S. Purdue in Oklahoma City. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, or if you are interested in volunteering, call (405) 972-1111, visit www.regionalfoodbank.org or email info@regionalfoodbank.com.

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Chickasaw Nation employees volunteer at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, March 28.



Governor Bill Anoatubby takes a tour of the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank with Shae Kennedy, Chickasaw citizen and Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Communications Manager.

Ada area high schoolers learn about medical jobs during Health Career Exploration Day



Ada High School seniors, from left, Isabel Gutierrez, Makayla Moss, Michelle Williams and Roudee Humphers observe one of the real-life scenario displays at the Health Career Exploration Day March 26.

ADA, Okla. – For the second straight year, local high school students attended the Health Career Exploration Day at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada. Workers and volunteers from Mercy Hospital Ada, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and Pontotoc Technology Center worked in partnership to bring a one-stop opportunity for students to explore a variety of careers in the health field.

Throughout the daylong event, health care workers staged 15-minute drill demonstrations or “mock-codes,” allowing students to get hands-on with real life-saving techniques. Students were able to gain insight on the fast paced environment of the emergency health care.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center set up information booths on-site from different areas throughout the medical center. Booths featured Dental, Pharmacy, OB, Nutrition Services, Imaging, Infection Control, Diabetic Clinic, Physical Therapy, Surgery, Lab, EMS and Behavioral Health areas.

Participating high schools and groups included Ada, Byng, Vanoss, Stratford, Konawa, Allen, Tupelo, Latta and Sasakwa.

For more information on health related careers visit www.chickasaw.net/employment.

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Ada High School Senior and Chickasaw citizen Brandon Greenwood participates in one of the hands-on mock-drills at the Health Career Exploration Day.

Farmers Market checks May 1

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) will provide checks beginning May 1, to use for purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets.

Through the month of May, the checks will be available for pick-up at a variety of locations (call for a location in your area). Beginning in June, all SFMNP checks will be issued from the nutrition centers in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell.

SFMNP checks are issued all at once throughout the summer. This convenient process allows you to pick up all checks for the summer in one visit to your local Chickasaw Nation nutrition center.

Participants must re-apply for the SFMNP program each year and each eligible member of the household must apply separately.

Eligibility Requirements:

Native American 55 years of age and older with citizenship card.

Non-Native American residing in a Native American Household: To qualify, must be living with either a Native American spouse, Native American children, Native American grandchildren or a Native American niece/nephew, be 60 years of age or older and meet all income guidelines.

Disabled Native Americans:

100 percent disabled as determined by SSI, under 55 years of age. Citizens must provide proof of disability and live in housing for the elderly with congregate nutrition services.

If you are unable to come to an issuance location or need more information on the SFMNP, please call a SFMNP team member at (855) 572-3433.

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Rabies Clinic Scheduled

Native American pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for free vaccinations at one of several rabies clinics planned within the Chickasaw Nation. Participants should bring CDIB or tribal citizenship cards. Vaccinations quantities are limited, first come first serve.

Ada
Date: April 9 and May 14
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: The Chickasaw Nation Landscaping Building in Ada
539 Latta Road
Contact: 580-436-7256

Ardmore
Date: May 2 and May 16
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Ardmore Area Office
949 Locust Street
Contact: 580-226-4821

Colbert
Date: May 1
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Panola Senior Center
1015 Moore Avenue
Contact: 580-371-9512

Pauls Valley
Date: May 7
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Wacker Park
Contact: 405-207-9883

Sulphur
Date: May 7
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Sulphur Area Office

Parking Area
4970 West Highway 7
Contact: 580-622-2888

Tishomingo
Date: May 8
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Parking Area
Across the street from the old Tishomingo Clinic
815 E 6th Street
Contact: 580-371-9512

Duncan
Date: May 14
Time: 10:00 until Noon
Location: Duncan Area Office
1911 West Plato
Contact: 580-470-2131

Connerville
Date: May 15
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Connerville Senior Center
6700 North Highway 377
Contact: 580-371-9512

Madill
Date: May 22
Times: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Madill Senior Site
15252 Nevins Avenue
Contact: 580-371-9512

Purcell
Date: June 4
Time: 10 a.m. until Noon
Location: Purcell Area Office
1603 S. Green Avenue
Contact: 405-527-4973

May is Healthy Vision Month

Take advantage of the many vision programs offered by the tribe

When it comes to eye health, everyone has a role to play in promoting eye health and safety. The month of May celebrates healthy vision awareness and blindness prevention.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health provides expertise in this field by offering programs and services to help Native Americans maintain healthy vision. The optometry services departments are located at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada and the Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo Health Clinic locations.

“We save people from going blind by providing them with the preventative services we offer,” Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Secretary Judy Goforth Parker, Ph.D., APRN-CNP, said.

At the eye clinics, a broad range of optometry services are provided, including comprehensive eye exams, cataract surgery, glaucoma treatment, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration man-

agement and more. The quality of care at the clinics is recognized by the academic community, and Chickasaw Nation Department of Health optometrists have served for 35 years as clinical instructors for optometry students across the United States.

These students travel hundreds of miles to be trained by optometrists at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health. Many students become Indian health optometrists, and three former students currently work for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

Dr. John Garber, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health optometrist, was the first full-time Indian Health optometrist in southern Oklahoma. Today, The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health has seven full-time optometrists and two private sector ophthalmologists. The doctors work closely with the Dean McGee Eye Institute in Oklahoma City.

“The eye care team at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health is committed to making every day National Vision Day,” said Dr. Garber.

The eye services team continues to expand its range of care with advanced technologies. The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health is a national leader in enhancing Native American eye care by having the most advanced ocular equipment at its facilities. This includes the automated visual field analyzer, optical retinal scanners, retinal photography and auto-refractors.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health also provides on-site laser clinics for diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration at the Ada and Ardmore eye clinic. The center was also one of the first sites to provide in-house cataract surgery. These services provided by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health have since been duplicated by many other tribes.

“We encourage all Native Americans to take advantage of the services and programs we offer for their eye health and will continue to maintain our excellence of care when it comes to promoting healthy vision,” Alexandria Colbert, Director of Ambulatory Services for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health, said.

In 2013, the Optometry Services Department accommodated ap-

proximately 12,000 patient visits and served more than 9,000 patients. Over 4,800 were Chickasaw citizens.

For more information on the eye programs and services offered through the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health, call the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Optometry Clinic at (580) 421-4508.

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Eyeglasses Program

This program provides an allowance of \$150 toward contact lenses or one pair of glasses every two years. The eye glasses are made by Oklahoma Optical, a tribally-owned lenses manufacturing business. With this program, specialty lenses and frames are available at a low cost to the patient.

Eligibility:
Must be Chickasaw citizen
Applicant must be a patient at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
Eligible for one benefit every two years, excluding sunglasses
Other Eye Clinics:
Ardmore: (580) 222-2803
Purcell: (405) 527-4700
Tishomingo: (580) 371-2362

Oklahoma Optical

Oklahoma Optical is a facility offering services through the Ada, Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo health clinics. Designer frames, contact lenses and quick repair services are available to the public. There are more than 5,000 frames in stock at each of the four locations.

Oklahoma Optical offers great quality products including brand names like Nike, Oakley, Maui Jim, Coach, Converse, Timex, Harley Davidson and Versace. Lenses are cut and processed at the in-house lab located in Ada, Okla. Oklahoma Optical uses only the best quality of lenses from Essilor; the world's leading provider of eyeglass lenses. Customers choose from crizal coatings, progressive, transition or no-glare lenses. Customers must bring a prescription from their eye doctor to order new lenses or frames.

For more information on products and services offered through Oklahoma Optical, call one of the four locations:

Oklahoma Optical – Ada
1005 N. Country Club Rd.
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 332-2796
Oklahoma Optical – Ardmore Health Clinic
2510 Chickasaw Blvd.
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580) 222-2870
Oklahoma Optical – Tishomingo Health Clinic
817 E. 6th Street, Tishomingo, OK 73460
(580) 387-2768
Oklahoma Optical – Purcell Health Clinic
1438 Hardcastle Blvd., Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-4700

5K Run and Fun Walk



Runners begin the 5K race at the Rabbit Run 5K Run and Fun Walk event at the Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge in Tishomingo, Okla. on Saturday, April 12.



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Dylan Isaac Kramer



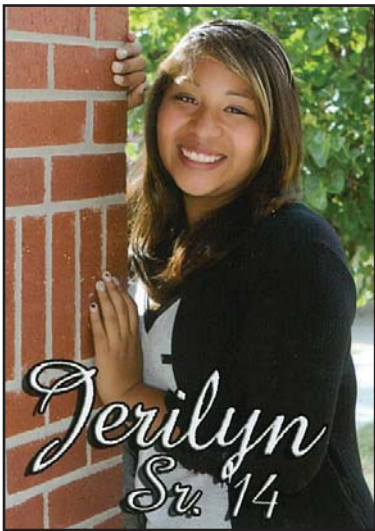
Dylan Isaac Kramer is a 2014 graduate of Norman North High School, Norman, Okla. He is the son of Jason and Andrea Kramer. He is the grandson of Vicki Harris, Tom and Tandy Kramer, Barry and Rosemary Quillin, and John Lloyd. He is a descendant of Cyrus Harris, former governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

He has been concurrently attending classes at Oklahoma City Community College his senior year of high school. He is a very active volunteer at his church, working with the light and sound system for the last three years. He loves golf and is currently employed at a golf course.

His plans are to attend college at Oklahoma City Community College for his basic courses and earn his bachelor degree in engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

Jerilyn Leigh Willie

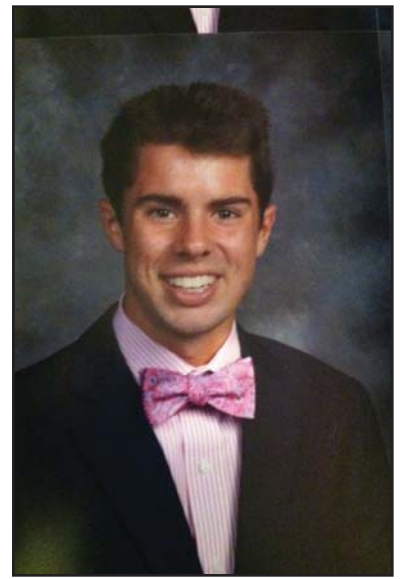
Jerilyn Leigh Willie is a 2014 graduate of Sequoyah High School, Tahlequah, Okla. She is the daughter of the late Bill and Traci Willie, of Tahlequah. She is the granddaughter of the late Leonard and the late Nancy Frazier and the late Bill and Dorothy Willie, of Finley, Okla.



Jerilyn has been a member of the Pride of Sequoyah marching and concert band for four years and is an accomplished flutist. She has competed with the Vex Robotics team for two years and competed in the World Robotics competition in Orlando, Fla., in 2011. She has spent the last few summers serving her community at the Cherokee Nation Indian Child Welfare cultural camps. She loves to read, draw and paint. Her hobbies include writing short stories, poems and song lyrics. In her spare time she likes to hang with her friends, watch movies, play with her nephew, play video games and shop for shoes!

She is enrolled at and plans to attend the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha.

Chase Lawrence Busick



Chase Lawrence Busick is a 2014 graduate of Harding Charter Preparatory High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Mark and Vickie Busick. He is the grandson of Arthia Bridges and Ray and Lena Busick.

Chase is a member of the honor roll. He lettered in cross country/track from 2010-2014. He was named All State in cross country in 2011 and received numerous awards

for cross country and track. He was a member of the swim team from 2013-2014, Key Club 2012-2013. he is graduating in the top 50% of his class.

His plans are to join the U.S. Marine Corp. We are very proud of all his accomplishments. Good Luck Chase! Semper Fi!

Houston Jackson



Houston Jackson is a 2014 graduate of Choctaw High School, Choctaw, Okla. He is the son of David and Nancy Jackson. He is the grandson of Don and Bobbi Stover.

Houston is a four-year member of the Choctaw basketball team and was named Defensive Player of the Year his senior year. In his spare time, he helped coach little

league basketball to two undefeated seasons. He is a member of the record setting Eastern Oklahoma County Vo-tech Motor build team and is working to obtain a mechanic certification. Houston graduated with a 3.85 grade point average (GPA).

His plans are to attend Rose State College, Midwest City, Okla., attending pre-engineering classes.

Madison Abney



Madison Abney is a 2014 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Teddy and Tammy Abney.

She is the granddaughter of Billy Joe James and Carolyn James and Terry and Loretta Abney.

Madison has attended the Latta School System for fourteen years. She is very active and involved as a senior at Latta High. Her sports activities include fast pitch and slow pitch softball, and served as manager of the Lady Panther basketball team this past fall. She is secretary of student council and a member of the National Honor Society, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). She was selected October Rotary Student of the Month for Latta. She will graduate from Pontotoc Technology Center (OK) with a cosmetology work license. She is currently enrolled in this program to fulfill her work dreams through out college.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a business degree.

Sean Jesse



Sean Jesse is a 2014 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of George and Jennifer Jesse. He is the grandson of JK and Debi Lively, Glenn and Deanna Jones and the late Louella Perry.

Sean is ranked first in a class of 92. He is active in band, the Chickasaw Nation Robotics, Vision Bank Student Board and National Honor

Society. His plans are to pursue an electrical engineering degree.

Breanne Renee Swedberg

Breanne Renee Swedberg is a 2014 graduate of Northwest Classen High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Judy Swedberg and David Swedberg. She is the daughter of Bob and Barbara Coombs and Lawrence and Nancy Swedberg.

Breanne is a member of the color guard. She has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and the Principal's Honor Roll. She carries a 3.08 grade point average (GPA).

She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College to pursue a degree in physical therapy.



Bailee McGowen

Bailee McGowen is a 2014 graduate of Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. She is the daughter of Tim and Cindy McGowen. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Angie Wallace and Norbert and Pat McGowen, all of Purcell. She is the great-granddaughter of Robert and Joan Stephens.

Bailee has attended the Purcell School System since kindergarten. She will graduate from Purcell High School, May 23. She serves as vice president of the National Honor Society and has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for three years. She is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club, has played basketball for four years and was outfielder in slow-pitch softball for two years and has been the starting first baseman in fast-pitch softball for four years. Her fast-pitch experience includes three years on the All Star Team, All-State alternate, All-City Honorable Mention and All-Conference her senior year. She attends Our Lady of Vistory Catholic Church in Purcell.

She plans to attend the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO), Chickasha.

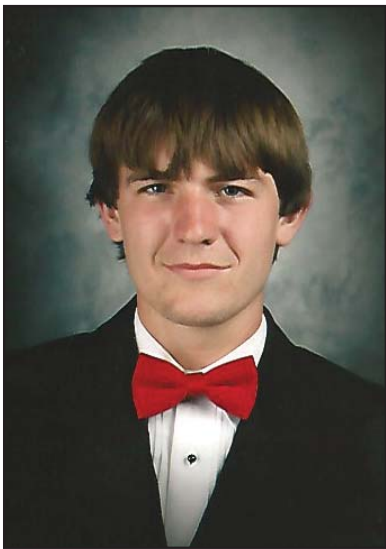


Caleb Michael McKinney

Caleb Michael McKinney is a 2014 graduate of Ninnekah High School, Ninnekah, Okla. He is the son of Michael and Christy McKinney. He is the grandson of Kayla and Aaron McKinney and Ronnie Bogle and Elaine Garst.

Caleb is a member of the Principal's Honor Roll, Future Farmers of American and the skeet shooting team. He loves to hunt and fish.

He has been accepted to Oklahoma State University Honors College and will pursue a degree in Wildlife Management/Ecology.



Ella Stover



Elle Stover is a 2014 graduate of Westmoore High School, Moore, Okla. She is the daughter of Don and Kelly Stover. She is the granddaughter of Don and Bobbi Stover.

Elle is a four-year varsity soccer athlete at Westmoore High School. She is the goal keeper for the state champion Norman Fury 96 soccer club. She received a full athletic scholarship and academic scholarship from the University of Central Oklahoma.

She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma on a full athletic and academic scholarship to pursue a degree in pre-physical therapy.

Errol Sharpe



Errol Sharpe is a 2014 graduate of Northwest High School, Justin, Texas. He is the son of Dan and Debbie Sharpe. He is the grandson of the late Mack and Phyllis Sharpe. He is the great-grandson of the late Oleta Bond and the great-great-grandson of the late Galloway Bond an original enrollee.

Errol wrestled from the first grade through his senior year. This summer he will work in his dad's factory.

His plans are to earn an associates degree in industrial engineering from Texas State Technical College, Waco. Then pursue his bachelor of arts degree from Ft. Lewis College, Durango, Colo.

Jacob Benton Turner

Jacob Benton Turner is a 2014 graduate of Skiatook High School, Skiatook, Okla. He is the son of Rocky and Tracy Turner. He is the grandson of Patricia (Shico) Jones, of Madill, Okla., Jim and Ruth Burke, of Tulsa and the late Richard Jones, Joyce Burke and Jim Turner.

Jacob has been active in Skiatook music programs for several years. He was a member of the high school marching band for two years and is a member of mix choir, jazz choir and glee choir. He is a six-time award member of the N.C.D.A. District honor Choir, 2013 All-State Mix Choir award, and a recipient of the State Superintendent's Awards for Arts Excellence for 2014. He has received several superior ratings in solo performance for All-District. He plays violin, piano and clarinet. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Skiatook and is very active in church and is a lead singer in the youth band.

His plans are to attend Northeastern Oklahoma College on a music scholarship to pursue a music degree.



Emily Grace Duty

Emily Grace Duty is a 2014 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of the late David Duty and Kathleen Duty. She is the granddaughter of the late Nelson Bell and Peggy Bell and the late Richard and the late Betty Duty.

Emily has been involved in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Act II Drama Camp, Chickasaw Leadership Camp, Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program (CAIP) (Creating Chickasaw Leaders). She is a member of H2O Church, Ada.

Her plans are to attend Southeastern University, Durant, Okla.



Jonathan Buckner

Jonathan Buckner is a 2014 graduate of Bennington High School, Bennington, Okla. He is the son of Jackie and Lynn Buckner. He is the grandson of Janell Hall, of Bennington and Yvonne Buckner, of Milburn, Okla.

Jonathan is the son of Jackie and Lynn Buckner. He has attended Bennington School since kindergarten. He is active in agriculture and has won awards for the tractor driving contest.

His plans are to work for the railroad.



Josey Kaye-Lynn Maxey

Josey Kaye-Lynn Maxey is a 2014 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Brandy McDonald, of Dickson, Okla. She is the granddaughter of L.R. and Phyllis Garrison, of Dickson and Gary and Linda McDonald, of Wilson, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Nadine Garrison, of Madill, Okla. She



is the eldest of five children.

Josey has was active with the Dickson Comet cheer-leading squad for nine years. She was voted Most Outgoing, Biggest Flirt, Worst Driver and Class Comedian by her peers for Who's Who of America. She is currently enrolled in the medical office administrative class through Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and will graduate with an associates degree. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Ardmore, Okla.

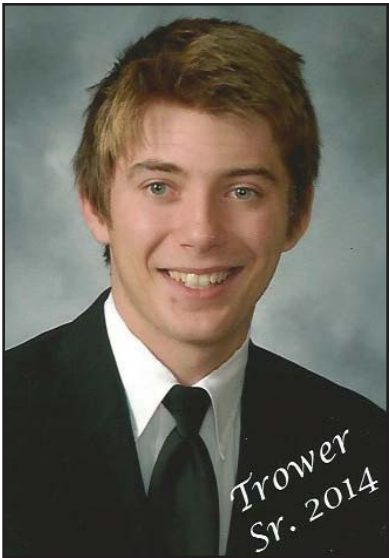
She plans to continue her education at Murray State College.

Trower Jinx Bradford

Trower Jinx Bradford is a 2014 graduate of Atoka High School, Atoka, Okla. He is the son of Kelly Norman-Bradford and Gene Bradford. He is the grandson of W.E. (Snake) and Fredda Norman and Flo Bradford and the late Hask Bradford.

Trower is 1/8 Chickasaw. He was named Student of the Year and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. He is a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll, the National Honor Society, and a member of the journalism club for two years.

His hobbies are: archery, running and angler. His plans are to attend East Central Univeristy, Ada, Okla.



Billiejean Sue Smith

Billiejean Sue Smith is a 2014 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Teresa Sue (Lawton) Smith. She is the granddaughter of Tommie Gale Smith, Jody Smith, Elizabeth (Smith) Amborski, of Toledo, Ohio, the late Steve Amborski, Robert Lee Lawton and Janice Sue (Cook) Lawton.



She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Suckie (Nail) Smith, the great-granddaughter of George Thomas Smith and Jessie L. Sims (Smith) Legen and Albert Legen and Jack V Cook and Ople Dolores (Redman) Cook, Harley- and Edna Lawton. Her brothers are James A. Smith Jr., and Levi J. Smith.

Billiejean is formerly of Sugar Creek, Mo.

Her plans are to attend college at Same Noble, Ardmore, Okla., to pursue a nursing degree. She would like to work in the obstetrics ward. She wants to help people and their families.

Ashlee Ray Solice

Ashlee Ray Solice is a 2014 graduate of Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School, Mesquite, Texas. She is the daughter of Stacey Souther and the granddaughter of Clyde and Betty Souther and Charles "Billy" and JoAnn Solice. She is the twin sister to Taylor Solice. She is the



great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Mad-die Hardwick.

Ashlee will graduate May 25 in the Top 15% of her class. She has been an honor student and an active member of the National Art Honor Society for four years serving as president for her local chapter for 2012-2013. She is a National Qualifying Member of the Technology Student Association and will travel with her team this summer for the national competition in Washington D.C. She was a member of the junior varsity soccer team, designed official school T-shirts and been a leader on the prom committee.

Ashlee attends Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church and is an active member of the youth group. She volunteers her time helping the children in the church, including being a group leader during vacation bible school every summer.

She received early acceptance and will attend the University of North Texas to pursue a degree in art history. Her dream job would be to be the curator of an art museum.

Madeline Cleo Miller



Madeline Cleo Miller is a 2014 graduate of Sunset High School, Portland, Ore. She is the daughter of Alison Paul Miller and the late Douglas Miller of Portland. She has a brother, Braden,

a junior at Yale. She is the maternal granddaughter of William G. Paul, Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee and his wife, Barbara Paul, of Oklahoma City, and Mary-Lynn Sachse and the late Victor Sachse III, of Baton Rouge, La. Paternal grandparents are BJ Miller and the late Alan Miller, of Blue Hill, Maine. Madeline's maternal ascendants founded Pauls Valley, Okla., and served as elected Chickasaw and public officials for several generations.

Madeline was a member of the French Club, Key Club, Native American Club, ran track and field during her sophomore year, and participated in distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) during her junior and senior years. She participated in the Native American Parent Advisory Committee for the Beaverton School District. She was a camp counselor for children teaching swimming and nature studies during the summers. She concentrated in the business curriculum at Sunset and earned her business track cord.

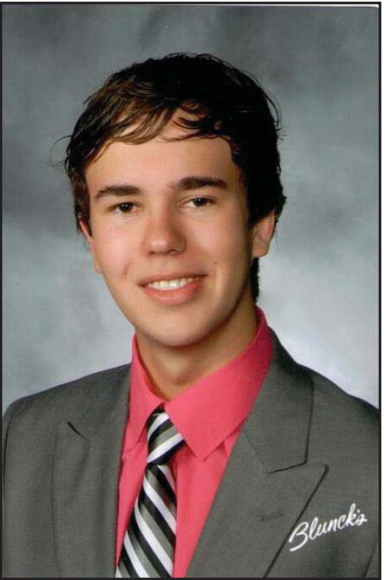
She enjoys cooking, nutrition, traveling and physical fitness.

Madeline plans to attend the University of Oregon or the University of Oklahoma next year.

Congratulations Madeline, we are all very proud of you!

Joshua Ray Tingle

Joshua Ray Tingle is a 2014 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Gary and Michele Tingle. He is the grandson of Terry Edith Woodell, and Charles and Wanda Tingle, all of Sulphur. He is the greatgrandson of Margaret Imotichey Moore, of Davis, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of Tarie Harris Imotichey.



Joshua's honors and awards include: the National Honor Society (January 2013 and 2014); Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award (January 2014); Chickasaw Nation Honor Club (2010 - 2014); Principal's Honor Roll (2010 - 2014); 1st Place in 2D Youth Art for 2013 SEASAM; Judges Award for 2D Art at the 2013 Artists of the Arbuckle's Student Art Show; two illustrations published in "Footprints Still Whispering in the Wind" poem book by Margie Testerman. He served as a student council representative in the ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th grade.

He was nominated for FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition in Science & Technology) Dean's List Award by his robotics teammates in 2013 and 2014.

His extracurricular activities include: Member of Sulphur First Free Will Baptist Church youth group. Running the sound system and lights for Junior Church Services on Sunday and Wednesday nights for the past eight years.Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi "Creating Chickasaw Leaders" Member (2010 - 2014); Attended Oklahoma Business Week at ECU (Summer 2012); attended Oklahoma Business Week as a Jr. Company Advisor at ECU (Summer 2013); member of Business Professionals of America (BPA) (2012-13); Member of the Chickasaw Nation's First Tech Challenge Team (2010 and 2011); member of the Chickasaw Nation's Metal Mayhem Robotics Team (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014)

His hobbies are reading, drawing, photography and playing video games.

He has worked part-time at the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club of Sulphur after-school for the past two years as a junior staff member and a program aide.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma in the accelerated program to pursue a bachelors and masters degrees in computer science engineering.

Ryan Rico



Ryan Rico is a 2014 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. He is the son of Lori Rico and Jaun Rico Jr. He is the grandson of Tillie Benson, Chebon Buck and Juan Rico and the late Cammellia Rico.

Ryan is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as president of the

Byng Student Council, a member of the Byng Honor Roll and the Chickasaw Nation Honor Roll. He is a participant of Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (CAIP) (Creating Chickasaw Leaders).

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Taylor Shae Solice



Taylor Shae Solice is a 2014 graduate of Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School, Mesquite, Texas. She is the daughter of Stacey Souther and the granddaughter of Clyde and Betty Souther and Charles "Billy" and JoAnn Solice. She is the twin sister to Ashlee Solice. She is the great-great-grand-

daughter of original enrollee Maddie Hardwick. Taylor will graduate May 25 in the top 5% of her class. She has been an honor student and an active member of the National Thespian Society for four years serving as president for her local troupe for 2013-2014. She received the "Best Thespian Award" in 2013. She is an AP Scholar Award and All Year Honor Roll recipient. She received the 2013 Poteet High School Lighthouse Award and in 2014 she was a member of the Literary Criticism team named District Champions in Academic UIL competition. She was a member of choir, Fellowship of Christian Athleres (FCA), junior varsity soccer team, track team (hurdles) and Oral Interpretation team.

Taylor attends Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church and is an active member of the youth group. She volunteers helping the children in the church, including being a group leader during vacation bible school every summer. She has volunteered at the Mesquite Library, North Texas Food Bank and Trick or Treat so Tots Can Eat. She has worked at Whataburger of Mesquite for almost a year and was promoted to Team Leader in February 2014.

She received early acceptance and will attend Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall majoring in Theatre Education. Her dream job would be to be the drama teacher at a junior high school.

Jordan Renee Branch



Jordan Renee Branch is a 2014 graduate of Horseshoe Bend High School, Horseshoe Idaho. She is the daughter of Will and Amber Branch. She is the granddaughter of Karen Burden, of Star, Idaho, the late Robert Burden and Bill and Jere Branch, of Horseshoe Bend. She is the great-granddaughter of the late George W. McDonald original enrollee and Mae McDonald-Burton. She has one brother Ty Branch, and several cousins from Idaho, Wyoming and California. Jordan will graduate as valedictorian of her class. She completed her senior year early in December 2013 and is taking college courses. She has continually maintained a 3.6 grade point average (GPA). She has been a member of the as honor roll for four years. Throughout grade school at Eagle Seven Day Adventists she received several awards and scholarships for maintaining a 3.60 GPA.

Her senior year she was voted the 2014 Homecoming Princess. She is an avid photographer, snowboarder, long boarder and loves wake surfing. She finished third in the "2013 Boise Surf This! Bash"

There are two gifts that parents should give their children. One is roots, the other is wings. These are the days when a parent has to wonder. Have we given them the roots they need to survive in this crazy world? Jordie is an amazing young woman and her family is so proud of her and wishes her all the best in her new beginnings.

Miko Brandon



Miko Brandon is a 2014 graduate of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Okla. He is the son of Jessica Imotichey and Brad Brandon. He is the grandson of Paul and Carol Imotichey. He is the great-grandson of Jonas and Josie Imotichey and Clarice Cheadle

Miko is a member of the National Honor Society and the varsity soccer team. He enjoys fishing in Blue River on his families land, plays stickball with the Chikasha Toli team when he's not in soccer season. He has enlisted in the U. S. Navy with the intention of serving as part of the special operations flight rescue program. He plans to attend college in the fall of 2015 as a criminal justice major.

Grace Anderson



Grace Anderson is a 2014 graduate of Mansfield High School, Mansfield, Texas. She is the daughter of Dr. Brian Scott and Lisa Edler Scott and Rodney Anderson. She is the granddaughter of Chickasaw citizen Jerry Edler, and wife, Becky, and Wanda Edler. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lillie Armeldia Moore.

Grace has been active in student council since elementary school, serving as president of her class from freshman through senior year. As a sophomore she was honored with being the only sophomore from her school to be chosen by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Organization as an ambassador, and to attend the leadership seminar. She attended her junior year as a junior facilitator and will continue in that role this year. She has been involved as a mentor for Camp Inspire, a MHS program that helps develop leadership skills for troubled students. Her passion is volunteering, and she has logged 500 hours of volunteer work since her freshman year.

Grace was honored to be chosen by her teachers for the Tiger Pride Award, (an award that honors a student that embodies respect, hard work, passions towards others, school spirit and kindness to other students) her sophomore and junior year, and awarded the Outstanding Junior award by her Student Council sponsors.

Grace has been on the A/B Honor role throughout her high school years.

She plans to attend Blinn College, in Bryan, Texas. Her major is undecided, but she wants to pursue a career that involves volunteering and leadership.

Brycin Ryder Brown



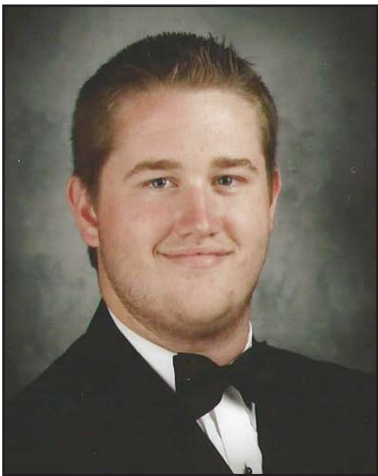
Brycin Ryder Brown is a 2014 graduate of Elgin High School, Elgin, Okla. He is the son of Brady and Michelle Brown. He is the grandson of Daniel and Mary Brooks, Ronald Brown and Joanne Brown. He is currently enrolled in Great Plains Technology Pre-Engineering and a member of the Robotics Club. Brycin enjoys math and science, hunting, fishing and playing the guitar. He has been accepted to and plans to attend the U.S. Navy Nuclear Program to pursue his dream to become a Nuclear Engineer.

Lana Duke



Lana Duke is a 2014 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, Edmond, Okla. She is the daughter of Lance and Dayna Duke. Lana was named Homecoming Queen, a Bulldog Mentor Leader, member of the National Honor Society and Oklahoma Student Indian Honor Society. She served as soccer team captain for two years and a varsity starter for four years. She was named a Wendys Heisman Athlete, Oklahoman All City 1st Team Soccer 2013, All District Soccer 1st Team (3 years). She was active in the Olympic Development Program Soccer Pool Player for three years and was a cross country All Star (5th fastest senior in state for 6A). She was named All Edmond Cross Country 1st Team and is a model for Brink Modeling Agency. She has committed to play soccer at Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in nutrition/pre-health sciences.

Ryan Cobble



Ryan Cobble is a 2014 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. He is the son of Mark and Kacey Cobble. Ryan is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll. He is currently employed part-time with the Chickasaw Nation. His plans are to seek full-time employment after graduation.

Lilly Shaffer



Lilly Shaffer is a 2014 graduate of Gig Harbor High School, Gig Harbor, Wash. She is the daughter of Shawn and Kiersten Shaffer. She is the granddaughter of Marie Shaffer and Rick and Carol Hamrick. Lilly has been a member for two years and currently the president of the APEX (AIDS Peer Education eXchange) group at her high school. She enjoys playing guitar and singing. She is currently enrolled in the Running Start program at Tacoma Community College (TCC) where she is concurrently earning her high school diploma and college credits. She plans to earn her associates of arts degree at TCC and transfer to the University of Oregon to focus on her bachelor's degree in psychology.

Chloe Hanegraaf



Chloe Hanegraaf is a 2014 graduate of G.R.A.C.E Academy, Crete, Ill. She is the daughter of Peter and Wendi Hanegraaf. She is the granddaughter of Marty and Rita Gorman, John and Gail Hanegraaf and Rita Hanscom. After graduating high school on the High Honor Roll, Chloe plans to continue studying the field of Science. She plans on pursuing her life's passion in becoming an agricultural veterinarian. She enjoys running, riding horses and playing volleyball. Chloe also sings at her home church.

Meagen L. Cutting



Meagen L. Cutting is a 2014 graduate of GCIT School of Performing Arts, Sewell, N.J. She is the daughter of Mary (Greenwood) Sweeney and the step-daughter of Darren Sweeney. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Marion H. Greenwood. Meagen is an active member of the International Thespian Society. She has been actively involved in performing arts for four years. She plans to attend college to pursue a bachelor of arts degree in musical theatre and a minor in writing arts.

Joshua Caleb Dedman



Joshua Caleb Dedman is a 2014 graduate of Fossil Ridge Highschool, Keller, Texas. He is the son of David and Deborah Dedman. He is the grandson of Teddy and Barbara Anoatubby and Kenneth and Margaret Dedman. Joshua will graduate May 31,2014. He has always been interested and talented in the arts being a member of the first Tfadswa Marimba group in elementary school then choir and band. He also participated in church choir and mission trips. He studied art and won competitions even selling his work. In middle school, his interest in visual arts led him to studying video arts and getting a chance to participate in advanced audio video class in high school in only his second year. Participating in several competitions and conferences in Texas. He has been accepted and plans to attend the University of North Texas to pursue a degree bachelors degree in video and television.

Mersadie Moore



Mersadie Moore is a 2014 graduate of Platte County High School, Platte City, Mo. She is the daughter of Scott and Terri Moore. She is the granddaughter of Ted and the late Jimmy Lou McDade, Dick and Kate Moore and Joan Cartermoore. Mersadie is graduating Suma Cum Laude with a 4.28 grade point average (GPA), she serves as president of Forensics, Speech and Debate, a State qualifier for Storytelling for two years. She directed Readers Theatre, named Missouri All State and 1st Team All Conference. She was active in instrumental music, alto saxophone, and competitive marching band for four years. She is a member of Thespians and a member of the student council. She is a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) serving as 2013-2014 vice president and place sixth place at state conference. She is a participant in the International DECA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in May and a two year voting delegate. She serves as a freshmen mentor, is a member of National Honor Society, a Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) representative and Speak Hard Conference Academic Letter. She wa junior varsity cheerleader, varsity track hurdler and volunteer at the monthly food pantry and a Thanksgiving Outreach volunteer. She plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, to pursue a degree in marketing and business management and participate as a member of the speech and debate team.

Silas Hanegraaf



Silas Hanegraaf is a 2014 graduate of Crete-Monee High School, Crete, Ill. He is the son of Peter and Wendi Hanegraaf. He is the grandson of Marty and Rita Gorman, John and Gail Hanegraaf and Rita Hanscom. After taking four years of engineering in high school, Silas is looking forward to advancing his career in mechanical engineering through the U. S. Navy. He loves to cycle and plans on competing in his first triathlon with his dad this summer. Silas helps out with the sound ministry at church. Recently, he has been learning 3-D and motion graphics.

Melissa McBride



Melissa McBride is a 2014 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Loyd and Regina Golden. She is the granddaughter of Marie Smith.

Melissa is a member of Distributive Education Clubs of American (DECA), the Chickasaw Nation Robotics program and the Chickasaw Nation Hinoshi Himmita program. She has been involved in the community through her church youth group and volunteered for various community service projects. Melissa enjoys riding her motorcycle and hanging out with her friends and family.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., and major in criminal justice to become an undercover officer.

Lauren Elizabeth Hindman

Lauren Elizabeth Hindman is a 2014 graduate of Philomath High School, Philomath, Ore. She is the daughter of Greg and Lynne Hindman. She is the daughter of Steven W. Dawson, Sr. and the late Joyce Dawson and Charles and Jeanette Hindman. She is the great-granddaughter of Gladys Wilson an original Chickasaw enrollee.

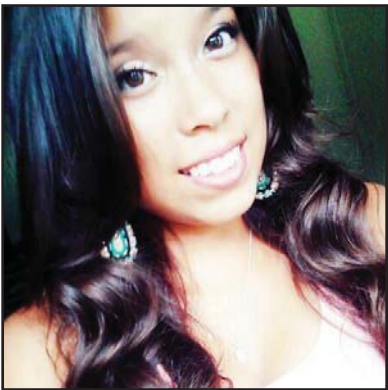


Lauren was a 4-Year Letter winner on the PHS swim team; she earned “Most Valuable Swimmer” during her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She was a Corvallis Aquatic Team (CAT) member, and lifeguard at the Corvallis Aquatic Center. She participated in PHRED (PHS robotics team). She is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--a four year LDS Seminary graduate, and also earned the Young Womanhood Medallion award.

She plans to attend Brigham Young University this summer to pursue a pre-medicine degree.

Cheyenne Lynne Talley

Cheyenne Lynne Talley is a 2014 graduate of Jay High School, Jay Okla. She is the daughter of Matthew Talley and Audrey Tsosie. She is the granddaughter of Debbie and Chris Miller and Neda and Albert Tsosie, all of Jay. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Josh and Margaret Downing, of Ada, Okla. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Rev. Jonas and Josie Imotichey, of Fillmore, Okla. She has three brothers, Joshua, Jacob and Christopher Talley.



Cheyenne has attended Jay public schools from Head Start through her senior year. She has been active in basketball, softball, cross country, track and volleyball. She is involved in the freshman class committee, Feathers Of Many Colors (FOMC) 2010-2014 serving as president and vice president and FOMC homecoming candidate. She is a member of the history club, Partners Club, biology club (secretary), Unified PE (vice president), wrestling mat maid, homecoming candidate and member of the Hmong Club.

Unified PE has been one of my most rewarding experiences. Working with special needs children my Junior and Senior year, has taught me more about my life; however I did teach them about spiking the ball and they taught me to never give up. We medaled two years in a row at the Spring and Fall Special Olympics in Volleyball and Bocce. My great-grandpa Josh use to say “Quitters never win and winners never quit” I can truly say that is what my Unified PE friends have taught me and I will never forget it.

Active in church youth groups and attends Falls Creek Summer camp regularly. Cheyenne is a founding member of the Delaware County Inter tribal Youth Club where she served as DCIYC club Princess for 2 years and represented the group at throughout the years, traveling to Kentucky, Montana, California, Texas, Illinois, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado Denver March, Missouri, Arkansas as well as in Oklahoma. She is a jingle dress dancer and has been competing since the age of 4 while representing DCIYC.

She plans to attend vocational courses at Moore-Norman Technology Center. She later plans to earn her business management degree at the University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma City University. She plans to someday own her own business.

Joseph Tyler “Hawk” Ruiz



Joseph Tyler ‘Hawk’ Ruiz is a 2014 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. He is the son of Eleanor Parks- Ruiz and Ernie C Ruiz. He is the grandson of KC Jr. Parks and Irene Parks. Joseph is the great-grandson of KC Parks and Josephina Clark-Parks Dunn. He is a proud descendant of original enrollee Phoebe Julia Underwood, daughter of Gabriel Underwood. As a young child Joseph has always had a strong connection to his native roots and is proud of his native lineage. He is also a descendant of the White Mountain Apache Tribe through blood lines on his father's side. Joseph moved to Davis, from Riverside, Calif., his junior year of high school and he loved Oklahoma instantly. Stickball games and the Chickasaw Cultural Center had a huge impact on his desire to learn the Chickasaw Language.

Joseph is a member of the Key Club and attends Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Youth Group at First Baptist Church in Davis. He is a member of Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (CAIP) (Creating Chickasaw Leaders). He attends Southern Oklahoma Technology Center (SOTC) studying automotive and collision repair.

He plans to continue his education and training in auto mechanics at SOTC. He would like to open his own auto collision repair shop and rebuild his own classic cars. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University in the next two years.

Austin Dee Jones

Austin Dee Jones is a 2014 graduate of Muskogee High School, Muskogee, Okla. He is the son of Billy Dee Jones, and Katie Johnsey. He is the grandson of Jan Lee Conard Jones. He is a proud descendant of original Chickasaw Roll Member Robert Marcelis Hancock.



Austin is a four-year member of the National Honor Society, four-year member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, an Honors Graduate carrying a 4.119 grade point average (GPA). He was a concurrent college student during high school with a 4.0 GPA, science club member, three-year varsity baseball starter, four-year varsity golf (qualified and played in boys 6A State Tournament). He enjoys fishing and hunting deer, ducks, geese, and turkeys.

Austin plans to attend Oklahoma State University where he has been accepted with academic scholarships.

Evan Garrett Wolfe

Evan Garrett Wolfe is a 2014 graduate of W.H. Ford High School, Quinlan, Texas. He is the son of Rodney and Tammy Wolfe. He is the grandson of Mary and Gary Carroll.



Evan was in the Quinlan Panther Band for four years serving as head drum major his junior and senior year. He has won multiple awards for band at the region, area, and state levels. He was a member of the State Jazz Band his senior year and performed at the TMEA conventions in San Antonio. He is a very talented musician playing saxophone, clarinet, bass clarinet, flute, percussion, bass guitar, some piano, and brass instruments. His primary instruments are the alto and baritone saxophones.

Evan is a member of the student council, the National Honor Society, and a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. He is very active in his church and the community. He carries a 4.22 grade point average (GPA) is in the top 10 percent of his class.

His plans are to attend college at Texas A&M University at Commerce to pursue a degree in music education. Evan has a deep passion and love for music and wants to be able to share and teach that to future generations.

Nathaniel Rodgers



Nathaniel Rodgers is a 2014 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Preston and Deborah Rodgers. He is the grandson of Don Thornton, the late Rita Johnson, and Floy and the late Lynn Rodgers.

He was involved in the All State Academic Bowl, a member of the Regional Speech All Star Cast, placed second in the Latta High School science fair; placed first at the Murray (OK) State Scholastic Meet in behavioral science; placed third in prose and dramatic duet and second in dramatic interpretation at the Bristow Speech Tournament; placed third place dramatic interpretation at the Regional Speech Tournament and placed first in Dramatic Interpretation at the Madill (OK) High School Speech Tournament; placed second in prose at the Marlow (OK) Speech Tournament; placed third in prose at the Marietta (OK) High School Speech Tournament; placed first place psychology and American Government; and placed second place in geology at the Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) scholastic meet.

His future plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in pre-law/ government.

Erica Herman

Erica Herman is a 2014 graduate of Choctaw High School, Choctaw, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Carolyn Herman. She is the granddaughter of Emery and Hazel Lawler and Robert and Mildred Herman



Erica's school activities include: German Club President and National Honor Society. She is one of the class valedictorians. Her after school activities have been Camp Fire, stickball, stomp dancing and Chickasaw Language classes.

She has completed her certified nursing assistant certification and home health aide certification.

She plans to attend Oklahoma City University. Erica's goal is to become a Pediatrician.

Chelsea Alis’ Sherwood

Chelsea Alis’ Sherwood is a 2014 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. She is the daughter of Daniel and Lisa Sherwood, and sister to Terran Sherwood. She is the granddaughter of Margaret Sherwood and the late Melvin Sherwood and the late W.O. and Val-Londia Hawkins



Chelsea started band in the sixth grade playing the clarinet. She has been a member of the Sparkler Dance/Flag Team since her junior year. She is a member of the Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and was nominated for the FCCLA Homecoming Candidate 2014. She was in OMEA Circle the State with Song in fourth and fifth grade. She has been in dance classes since she was three years old and fell in love with clogging when she was six and continues to clog today in various competitions. She was in children's theater from fiveyears of age to 12. She is taking three College concurrent classes at Southeastern Oklahoma State Univeristy (SOSU) and works part time at IHOP.

She plans to attend SOSU to pursue an elementary education degree.

Her family is so very proud of her.

BriAnna Nicole Carrasco

BriAnna Nicole Carrasco is a 2014 graduate of Pottsborh High School, Pottsboro, Texas. She is the daughter of Mark and Bridgette Carrasco. She is the granddaughter of the late John Carrasco and Hope Carrasco Villarreal and Larry and Rebecca Smith. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Kenneth Evans, Billie Oliver Conlee, John and Patsy Smith, the late Joe Angle and the late Feliz Deleon.



BriAnna was a shot and discus thrower her freshman year, One Act Play actor and technical manager (junior and senior years) band French horn (junior and senior years). She served as treasurer of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), yearbook editor (3,4) member of the National Honor Society (3,4) and International Thespian Society member (3,4).

She is currently a freshman at Grayson Community College pursuing an associates degree. She plans to attend dentistry school.

Breana Ridenhour



Breana Ridenhour is a 2014 graduate of Western Heights High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of James and Amy Cox. She is the granddaughter of Linda Morton and Ed Ridenhour. She is the great-granddaughter of Nathaniel and the late LoEva Thomas

Breana has been a member of the Western Heights Native American Club for four years and served as pow-wow princess her sophomore year. She has been a cheerleader for Western Heights for five years serving as co-captain her senior year, placing second at regional, eighth at state, and ninth in their division at nationals. She has been in Mixed III Choir for three years and show choir for one year.

She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College for two years then transfer to a four-year college. She intends to study psychology and go into counseling. She really enjoys helping others. She is also considering continuing her cheerleading at the college level.

Josie Ann Holt



Josie Ann Holt is a 2014 graduate of Tishomingo High Schook, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Jodi Holt. She is the granddaughter of Sammy and Debbie Davis of Tishomingo and the late George and Mary Ann Holt, of Pontotoc, Okla.

Josie has attended Tishomingo Public School for 13 years. She has been on the Governor's Honor Roll many times and was named Chickasaw student of the month in 2002 and 2006. Josie has been active in the Tishomingo band for seven years and on the golf team for four years. In her spare time she loves going to classic car shows, fishing, camping, boating and hanging out with her friends and family.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and then the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in dentistry. Josie hopes to become a dentist and have her own dental clinic someday.

Megan Dawn McCurtain



Megan Dawn McCurtain is a 2014 graduate of Mojave High School, Las Vegas, Nev. She is the duaghter of Sarah McCurtain. She is the granddaughter of Gary McCurtain, and Zennetta Faye McCurtain and the late Melvina McCurtain and the late Zeno McCurtain.

Megan was active in softball. She plans to study psychology and pursue a career as a counselor for at-risk youth.

Collin Wayne Potter

Collin Wayne Potter is a 2014 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Brad and Stacy Potter. He is the grandson of Jimmy and Dorothy Potter, Leon Nix and the late Ronda Nix.



Collin carried a 4.24 grade point average (GPA), was salutatorian and at the top ten percent of his class. He was on the Governor's Honor Roll, Superintendent's Honor Roll, a member of the student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), math club, Murray State College Scholastic Meet, and The First Baptist Church. He was selected as Kiwanis student of the month and JR. Rotarian of the month. Collin was also very active in sports, he was a four-year starter for the Dickson football team and was on the All Ardmore Super Team, the class 3A All Star Team, and was a district 3A-4 co-offensive lineman. He played four years of high school golf and was a regional qualifier. He helped with young kids at "Comet Kids Camp" and also mentored a pre-k class.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to pursue a degree in electrical engineering.

Madelyn Ruth Goodnight

Madelyn Ruth Goodnight is a 2014 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Stan and Karen Goodnight. She is the sister to Kyle Goodnight. She is the granddaughter of Dean McManus and Chris and Molly Goodnight



Madie has been playing the violin since the fifth grade and throughout high school. She placed first and won superior ratings in several orchestra competitions. She has won many awards in various art competitions throughout high school. Madie was currently selected as the featured artist of the year for Norman High School and her art is being displayed in a local art show on Main Street in Norman.

She has been accepted to and plans to attend Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I., with partial scholarship for the upcoming fall of 2014.

Madie is proud of her Chickasaw heritage, and looking forward to following her dream of pursuing her degree in art.

Harlee Danielle Griffis



Harlee Danielle Griffis is a 2014 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Mark and Misty McDonough and Scott and Tiffany Griffis. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Linda Williams and Mike and Sondra Griffis.

Harlee is a Honor Graduate, she is a member of the National Honor Society, the Principal's Honor Roll, Youth Leadership in Murray County, Chickasaw Honor Club. She was the 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement Award. She was voted most athletic and was the2013 football Homecoming Queen. Harlee was active in basketball and was a member of the 2013 state championship team, she also ran track and was a member of the varsity softball team for four years, earning many awards that of which include: Two-time All Ardmoreite Super Team, three -time All Conference, 2012 All Ardmoreite Defensive player of the year, 2013 All Ardmoreite MVP, 2013 Lake-Country Conference MVP, and 2013 All State Second Baseman.

Her future plans are to attend Oklahoma Baptist University on a softball scholarship and work toward a degree in physical therapy.

Katherine Elizabeth Crosby



Katherine Elizabeth Crosby is a 2014 graduate of Fort White High School, Lake City, Fla. She is the daughter of Michael and Kathleen Crosby. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Carolyn (Carr) Crosby and John and Julia (Harvey) Young.

Katherine will graduate May 30t with Beta and National Honors. She is a member of the Lady Indian weightlifting team , an active member of the Fort White Thespian drama group, and is a 1st degree black belt in Taekwondo. She enjoys spending her free time with her family and friends, but is excited about what the future holds and looks forward to the roads that she will travel.

She plans to attend Florida Gateway College on a scholarship and to earn her associate's degree. Then she plans to attend Full Sail University in Orlando, to pursue a degree in music production.

So proud of you Keebler!

Mary Katheryn Goodnight

Mary Kathryn Goodnight is a 2014 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Stan and Karen Goodnight. She is the sister to Kyle Goodnight. She is the granddaughter of Dean McManus and Chris and Molly Goodnight



Katie has been playing the violin since the fifth grade and throughout high school year. She placed first and also won superior ratings in several orchestra competitions. She has been involved in studying and speaking French. She has been active in newspaper for the past three years and serves as the editorial and page editor for the Norman High School Tribune. At the recent 98th Annual State Newspaper and Oklahoma Scholastic Media competition, Katie won several awards including: first place in Editorial Page Design, first place in graphic design, and first place in photo illustration.

She has been accepted to and plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and plans to study French, while pursuing her degree in journalism and graphic design.

Katie is proud of her Chickasaw heritage, and is looking forward to her future and attending college.

Ashley S. Hanson

Ashley S. Hanson is a 2014 graduate of Putnam City North High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of David and Norma Barnes. She is the granddaughter of Miles and Alma Douglas, of Milo, Okla., and Mrs. Noneta Barnes, ofOklahoma City. Ashley's current grade point average (GPA) is over 3.0. She is a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), a Service Learning teacher assistance for disable high school students. She is a member of the Putnam City North Dance 3 and has participated in several high school competitions. She competed in private dance with Kim Massey Dance Studio in OKC. Ashley is a member of AmeriCorps and has been a member of the OU Future Health Scientists Partnerships Program since the fifth grade. This program seeks to prepare area students for future careers in the health sciences; special emphasis will be on the preparation of students from groups that are underrepresented in the health sciences. She is a member of Jehovah Baptist Church, Milo, Okla.



She plans to attend University of Central Oklahoma. She is a very hard worker and enjoys being around family.

Samantha Postoak



Samantha Postoak is a 2014 graduate of Sterling High School, Baytown Texas. She is the daughter of Sammy and Laura Postoak. She is the granddaughter of Doris and Ed Postoak. Samantha has been a member of the National Honor Society, the drill team and also has been the president of the book club and Interact club. Her plans are to attend Texas A&M University, Texas, and pursue and MBA in business.

Skylar Speaks



Skylar Speaks is a 2014 graduate of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Harve Speaks and Nichole Killebrew. He is the grandson of Theron Speaks. Skylar's high school activities included lettering in wrestling for two years. He loves art, ceramics, chalk, and paint. His plans are to attend The University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Cheyennea Elaine Duke



Cheyennea Elaine Duke is a 2014 graduate of Savannah High School, Savannah, Okla. She is the daughter of Clint Duke and the late Barbara Duke. She is the granddaughter of Sara Duke, of Ada, Okla, and W.K. Duke, of Galloway, Ohio. She is the great-granddaughter of Mabel Taylor Norris and the great-great-granddaughter of Lula Taylor an original Chickasaw enrollee. Cheyennea will graduate May 9 at the McAlester (OK) Expo Center. She has been involved in OSHA, Future Farmers of America (FFA), 4-H, cheerleading, track and showing horses, and the Chickasaw Honor Society. She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and pursue a veterinary tech certification.

RJ Trainham

RJ Trainham is a 2014 graduate of Holliday High School, Holliday, Texas. He is the son of John and Lisa Trainham. He is the grandson Franklin Stallings, the late Henryetta Winkler and Charles and Dolores Trainham. RJ is in the top 20% of his graduating class and carries a 3.8 grade point average (GPA). He has been a member of the National Honor Society three years, a member of the varsity golf team for four years. His golf team was four-year district champions and he was a 2014 individual champion. He was a member of the 2013 2A state champions (Texas) and finished eighth overall individually at state. He was named to the 2013 All-State, 2013 regional champs and played two years varsity basketball. He has been a member of the Chickasaw Nation Golf Team for four years. His future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla. on a golf scholarship and major in pre-physical therapy.



Rachel Wade

Rachel Wade is a 2014 graduate of Bethel High School, Shawnee, Okla. She is the daughter of Tim and Mary Wade. She is the granddaughter of Leon and Betty Edwards and James and Joyce Wade. Rachel was president of the student council, FCA, and she is valedictorian of her class, she is also co-captain of her slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball teams. She is a member of NHS, OHS, and PROWL/SADD. She is enrolled at East Central University, Ada, as a member of the Presidential Leadership Class. Her future plans are to attend college and pursue a degree in nursing and become a pediatric nurse.



Kristen Sisson

Kristen Sisson is a 2014 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Kristy and Chris Keith and Brent Sisson. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Denise Skinner and Richard and Norma Sisson. Kristen is the captain of the Ardmore High School pom squad. She is a member of Leaflets, student council and the junior Rotary Club. Her future plans are to stay in Ardmore and teach dance at DOCA and attend college at the Ardmore Higher Education Center.



Mary Bronwen Chalkley



Mary Bronwen Chalkley is a 2014 graduate of Brentwood High School, Brentwood, Tenn. She is the daughter of Linda Sealy Chalkley and Roger Chalkley. She is the granddaughter of Lymond Jr. and Wilma Sealy and George and Emily Chalkley. Mary Bronwen Chalkley is the great-granddaughter of Lymond Sealy, Sr. an original enrollee and son of Dave Sealy, a great Chickasaw orator and member of the last Chickasaw Senate before statehood. Mary is an honor student at Brentwood High School. Her passion is travelling, and she has studied in China, Oxford, England, and Leysin, Switzerland over the past several summers. She has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and earned her Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve. She has served as secretary and vice-president of the French Club and currently volunteers to teach French after school to elementary school children in Brentwood. She plans to attend Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City as a premed student. Her goal is to become a pediatrician.

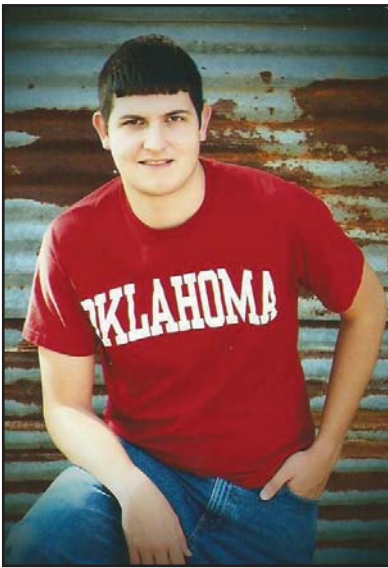


Emily Coleman is a 2014 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of William and Joyce Coleman. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Lucille Coleman and Raye and Elizabeth McGahey. She was active in basketball, fast and slow-pitch softball, and cheerleading. She is a member of the National Honor Society, student council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). She plans to attend college and graduate with a degree in optometry.

Emily Coleman

Jordan Scott Wallace

Jordan Scott Wallace is a 2014 graduate of Elmore City High School, Elmore City, Okla. He is the son of Jeff and Shellie Wallace. He is the grandson of Dona Kennedy and the late Clyde (Cotton) and JoAnn Wallace, all of Elmore City. Jordan is the salutatorian of his class with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.9. He played basketball his four years of high school. He is a member of The National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and is a member of the First Baptist Church in Elmore City. Jordan's future plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., through the University Center of Southern Oklahoma in Ardmore, Okla.



Colton Benjamin Moody DeFir

Colton Benjamin Moody DeFir is a 2014 graduate of Savoy High School, Savoy, Texas. He is the son of Beverly Moody and Robert DeFir. He is the grandson of Bill Moody, of Tishomingo, Okla., and the late Cora and the late Benjamin DeFir, and Carol Whitmire, of Richardson, Texas. Colton will graduate June 6, 2014. He has played baseball and football throughout his school years, football being his favorite sport. He has worn number 61 since he was eight years old. He received first team All-District Defensive End and second team in All-Region. He helped to take his team to districts, bi-districts, area and regional playoffs from 2012 - 2014. Colton is a self-taught guitar player and plays with his youth group at the Living Word Church of God in Bonham, Texas. His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, to pursue a degree in business economics. Colton's family is very proud of him and wishes him the best in everything he chooses to do. We all love you, congratulations!



Samantha Nicole McDanel

Samantha Nicole McDanel is a 2014 graduate of Caddo Mills High School, Caddo Mills, TX. She is the daughter of Charity and Brian Burkhart and J.D McDanel Jr. She is the granddaughter of J.D McDanel and Troy Smith. Samantha has been involved with drama and pantomime throughout her high school career. She is an excellent student. Her future plans are to attend the University of North Texas In the fall.



Danny R. Lamb

Danny R. Lamb is a 2014 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Glenda Lamb and Bobby Norton. He is the grandson of William and Kaye Dunlop, of Shawnee, Okla. Danny is Chickasaw and is very proud of his heritage. He is a member of the science club and is on the Ada High School wrestling team. He is an honor student and carries a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) and the past few summers he has attended Upward Bound at Seminole State College. This summer he has interviewed to go to Indian University of North America at Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota. In his spare time Danny loves to hunt, fish and play video games with his two brothers and a sister. His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in psychology on a full scholarship.



Stephanie Lee Perry

Stephanie Lee Perry is a 2014 graduate of Duncan High School, Duncan, Okla. She is the daughter of Natasha Perry and Andrew Flowers. She is the granddaughter of the late Linda Jean Fryrear and Titus Perry.

Stephanie is a member of the basketball and track teams. She carries a 3.84 grade point average (GPA). She was voted Female Academic Athlete of the Month.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University, or the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in pharmacy and architecture.



Billy Green III (Trey)

Billy Green III (Trey) is a 2014 graduate of Noble High School, Noble, Okla. He is the son of Billy Green Jr. and Heather Green and Dawn Clift and Dale Clift Jr. He is the grandson of Bill Green Sr., the late Joyce Green and Steve and Brenda Ellis.

Trey has three siblings Steven Green, 14, and Serenity Green, 11 months, and Paige Benda, 9. He will be the first grandchild to graduate on both sides of his family.

He is currently a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and is involved in cross-country and track and field.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in physics.



Kaylen Danielle Sweat

Kaylen Danielle Sweat is a 2014 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of Hugh Don and Shelli Sweat, of Madill. She is the granddaughter of the late Palmer Mosely IV, the late Donnie Sweat, Lynda Franklin, of Fayetteville, Ark., and Betty Sweat, of Allen, Okla.

Kaylen carries 3.78 grade point average (GPA). She lettered in basketball for four years and lettered in soccer for one year. Her basketball team took first place in the Lake Country Conference for three years, she was selected the New Year's Classic MVP her junior year, and named Madill Winter Classic All Tournament her junior and senior year. She was the 2014 All-Ardmoreite offensive player of the year, and Lake Country MVP her senior year. She was voted Madill Basketball Homecoming Queen her freshman year and voted most athletic by her senior class. She is a basketball 2014 All-State alternate in and averaged 19.8 points per game. She is active in the Native American Club and a member of the Madill Church of Christ.

She plans to play basketball at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla., for the Savage Storm.



Dustin Lee Atnip



Dustin Lee Atnip is a 2014 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Scott and Michelle Hill and James Atnip. He is the grandson of Ann and Jimmy Latham, Pam and Kirk Hallmark and the late Kenneth Needham James Atnip.

Dustin was active in football for three years and powerlifting for three years.

He is currently enrolled in the HVAC program at Southern Oklahoma Technical Center, Ardmore, Okla., and plans to pursue a career in that field.

Aaron Purkins

Aaron Purkins is a 2014 graduate of Caddo High School, Caddo, Okla. He is the son of Bill and Janie Purkins. He is the grandson of the late C.F. and the late Lois Murphree, the late Joe Purkins and the late Carol Jackson. He is the great-grandson of the late George Harlin an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Aaron served as president of the Caddo chapter Future Farmers of America (FFA), he was named Kiwanis student of the month, is a Chickasaw honor student, holds a state FFA degree and a member of the basketball team.

His plans are to attend Redlands Community College for two years and then attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in agricultural education.



Courtney Nicole Little

Courtney Nicole Little is a 2014 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Wes and Denise Little. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Ella Walker and James and Darlene Little.

Courtney is involved in Native Voices (the Native American Club), drama and Swashbucklers. She was awarded with the Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship by the Chickasaw Honor Club. She enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to music and going to church.

Her future plans are to attend college and work.

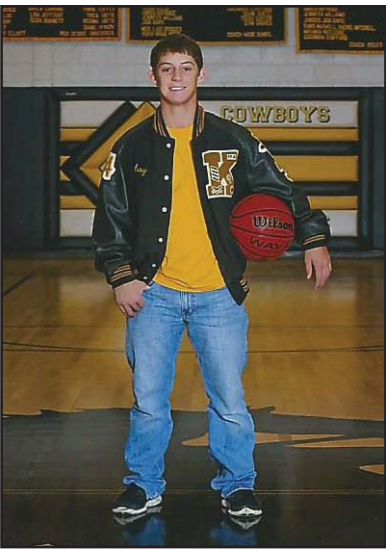


Clay Doyle

Clay Doyle is a 2014 graduate of Kiowa High School, Kiowa, Okla. He is the son of Trent and Debbie Doyle. He is the grandson of James and Carolyn S. Kelly and John and Par Doyle.

He was a four-year member of the basketball and baseball team and is a member of the class A State Semifinalist basketball team and a member of the 2014 Kiamichi Classic All-Star basketball team. He was a four-year member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), four-year member of 4-H, one-year member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and a member of the Kiowa Church of Christ. In his spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing.

He plans to attend college and pursue a degree in Occupational Safety.



Rebecca Ann Bullard

Rebecca Ann Bullard is a 2014 graduate of South Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie, Texas. She is the daughter of Anna R. Lee. She is the granddaughter of Clarence and Mary Ann Lee of Edmond, Okla.

Rebecca is a member and holds officer positions in the National Honor Society, the National Math Honor Society, and National History Society. She is a member of the varsity cross country team and plays for the Grand Prairie Soccer Association. She is principal cellist in the SGP Chamber Orchestra. She has received various academic awards including all "A's" through high school, AP Scholar with honors, and qualified for Regional UIL Academics for two consecutive years. She is an active member of the youth group and youth choir at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, Irving, Texas.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman to pursue a physical therapist degree.



Laura Elaine Stafford

Laura Elaine Stafford is a 2014 graduate of Moss High School, Holdenville, Okla. She is the daughter of David F. Stafford and Jeri Stafford. She is the granddaughter of Jean and Rick Williams, the late David Stafford, Sarah Marsh and the late Jerry Marsh.

Lauren will serve as valedictorian of her class. She was the senior class president, co-captain of the academic team and co-president of the student council. She was active in softball and cheerleading.

She plans to attend college and become a successful business attorney.



Kristy Marie Campbell

Kristy Marie Campbell is a 2014 graduate of McAlester High School, McAlester, Okla. She is the daughter of Chris and Suzy Campbell. She is the granddaughter of Pat and Charles N. Campbell and Clara and James Arnold.

Kristy has been active with the color/winter guard for two years, a member of the National Honor Society, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), the Chickasaw Honor Club and has taken 12 years of dance. She is currently enrolled in AP and concurrent college courses.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.



Blake Scott Harris



Blake Scott Harris is a 2014 graduate of Highland High School, Gilbert, Ariz. He is the son of Kyle and Renee Harris. He has a brother Kaleb Kyle Harris. He is the grandson of Jacque and Blue Harris, Dan and Sue Barker and Denny and Debbie Detherage.

Blake has played baseball for the Hawks and lettered his junior and senior years.

He has been accepted and plans to attend Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering, Arizona State University at Tempe, to pursue a degree in civil engineering.

Jonathan Martin Pettenridge

Jonathan Martin Pettenridge is a 2014 graduate of Mustang High School, Mustang Okla. He is the son of Charley and Lori Pettenridge Jr. He is the grandson of Charley and Linda Pettenridge Sr.

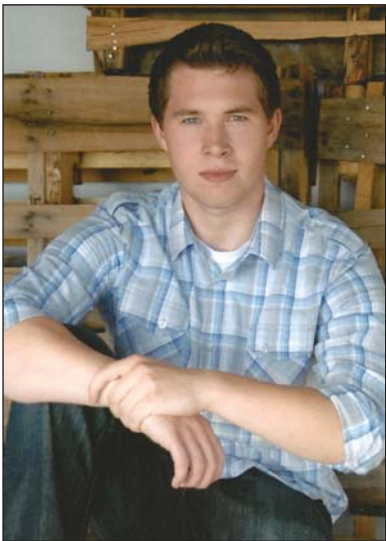
Jonathan's hobbies are riding in drill, sorting and roping. In drill he competed in Kansas, Duncan, and at the Oklahoma State Fair. He has rode in numerous rodeos and parades. His team won many awards.

He enjoys welding in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and plans on seeking a career in that field.

His plans are to attend Canadian Valley Vo-tech to further his welding career.



Luke W. Miller



Luke W. Miller is a 2014 graduate of Westmore High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Jena and Shannon McNamar and John and Shelleye Miller. He is the grandson of Carroll and Norman Clifton and Earl and Marie Miller.

Luke enjoys running track and working out. He is a member of The Eagle Heights Church, Oklahoma City and works part-time at Hobby Lobby.

He plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) to study pre-med. His goal is to complete his basics at OCCC then transfer to the University of Oklahoma. He plans to work in the medical field.

Kortney Breeanne Greenwood

Kortney Breeanne Greenwood is a 2014 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Okla. She is the daughter of Jeff and Summer Greenwood. She is the granddaughter of Ronnie and the late Joyce Greenwood, Mickey Elliott and Gail Behm.

Kortney serves as vice president of the Stratford Future Farmers of America (FFA), Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM), Business Professionals of America (BPA), 4H, and she is managing writer of The Stratford Times. She is a member of the Stratford Freewill Baptist Youth Group.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., for basic courses and then transfer to Southeastern Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in communications with a focus in Public Relations and minor in Native American Studies.



Mark A. Schwab

Mark A. Schwab is a 2014 graduate of Dalhart High School, Dalhart, Texas. He is the son of Patrick and Patricia Schwab. He is the grandson of Don and Penney Schwab and Norman Bamberger.

Mark has been active in football, basketball, track, baseball, choir and school musicals.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to pursue a degree in fishery and wildlife management.



Justin Christopher Lang

Justin Christopher Lang is a 2014 graduate of Santa Cruz High School, Santa Cruz, Calif. He is the son of the late Michael Lang and Suzanne Lang. He is the grandson of James W. Lang Elinor June Walker Lang and Janice Young.

Justin enjoys computers and volunteers helping teachers and staff troubleshoot computer issues. He recently constructed his own computer. He has been active with the Boy Scouts since first grade and will earn his Eagle Scout Award in June. He participated in Lead America's Intensive Law and Trial Program in July 2013 in collaboration with Stanford Law School. He participated in a mock trial.

His plans are to attend Cabrillo College, Aptos, Calif to study law.



Drew Downing

Drew Downing is a 2014 graduate of Northgate High School, Walnut Creek, Calif. He is the son of Dwayne Downing and Christine Butticci Downing. He is the grandson of Marcella Downing, Eloise Butticci and Bonnie Moore.

Drew served as team captain of the baseball and football teams.

He will play baseball at Chabot College, Hayward, Calif., to pursue a degree in kinesiology and sports injury care.



Jesse Sprague

Jesse Sprague is a 2014 graduate of Fountain Fort Carson High School, Fountain, Colo. He is the son of Steven and Mary Hansard Sprague. He is the grandson of Robert Hansard Sr., Kay Durham, and David and Pat Sprague.

Jesse has maintained perfect attendance since the fifth grade when his family moved to Colorado. He joined JROTC his junior year of high school. His team won state his junior and senior year. He has placed first many times in JROTC competitions. His team went to the Junior Olympics last year and is scheduled to return this year. He is ranked second in the Nation in the Army National Championship conducted at Fort Benning, Ga.

He has been accepted to the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs and will study pre-medicine while participating in ROTC. He plans to continue shooting at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs.

His family is very proud of him.



Sydney Elizabeth Grisham

Sydney Elizabeth Grisham is a 2014 graduate of Cabot High School, Cabot, Ark. She is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles Jr. and Sandy Homer of Ardmore, Okla.

Sydney is the proud mother of a 15-month old little girl and is concurrent student at Arkansas State University, taking classes in pre-nursing. She will graduate from Cabot High School in May 2014. Her family and friends are all very proud of her.



Madison Layne Stanglin

Madison Layne Stanglin is a 2014 graduate of Achille High School, Achille, Okla. She is the daughter of Gary and Lora Stanglin. She is the granddaughter of Phillis Blankenship and Ronald and Patricia Stanglin. She has a brother, Dakota Stanglin.

Madison was active in basketball, softball, and cheer.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and the gifted and talented program.

She plans to attend college and become a dental hygienist



Lauren DaNette Morgan-Griffin

Lauren DaNette Morgan-Griffin is a 2014 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. She is married to Darin Griffin, both of Mannsville, Okla. She is the daughter of the late Adrienne Morgan and Kirk Priddy. She is the granddaughter of Sandy and James Morgan and Kennith and Rachel Priddy.

Lauren earned a bachelors of science degree in human service counseling with a concentration in rehabilitation with a minor in psychology.

She pans to pursue a career in working with individuals with disabilities.



Lindsay Marie Grisham

Lindsay Marie Grisham is a 2014 graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles Jr. and Sandy Homer of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Lindsay is graduating from the University of Arkansas with a master's degree in Childhood Education. She received a \$10 thousand dollar scholarship from the University of Arkansas for her master's year, and was also awarded the Outstanding Master's student in her field.

Lindsay is getting married in June and will be teaching in Little Rock. Her family is very proud of her.



Sara Norton-Sanner

Sara Norton-Sanner is a 2014 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Forth Worth, Texas. She is married to Chris Sanner, both are from Velma, Okla. She is the daughter of Patrick and Leona Norton, and the daughter-in-law of Kenneth and Judy Sanner, all of Velma. She is the granddaughter of Johnny and Freda Bingham of Bray, Okla.

She will graduate May 9, 2014 with a master of arts degree.

During her time in seminary, she participated in events with the World Missions Center, including a two week missions trip to Sri Lanka. She also spent one semester teaching English and working with a church in Kathmandu, Nepal. After returning from Asia, Sara became active in the Public Relations Society of America in Oklahoma City, while completing her master's degree online from Southwestern. Sara is currently a freelance writer, enjoys traveling internationally to do mission work, and lives with her husband and two dogs in Oklahoma.



Robert (Garett) Lea

Robert (Garett) Lea is a 2014 graduate of Alaska Career College (ACC) and FAA certification, Anchorage. He is the son of Donald and Cindy Lea, of Eagle River, Alaska. He is the grandson of the late Donald R. Lea, Sr.

Mr. Lea graduated January 14, 2014 earning an aircraft dispatcher special-ist diploma.

Mr. Lea was presented with numerous awards including: the President's Honor Roll, Demonstrating the Best Leadership Skills, and multiple performance awards. He also mastered technical competencies which included: Ensuring En-Route and Destination Weather, Calculating Fuel Usage, Performing Weight and Balance Computations, Pilot Briefing, and Weather Summaries to Ground and Flight Crews.

He is employed by RAVN Alaska as an Aircraft Dispatcher Specialist.

Mr. Lea is from Hurst, Texas and currently lives in the Anchorage area.



Deana Nichols

Deana Nichols, of St. Louis, Mo., is a 2014 graduate of Indiana University. She is the daughter of Penney and Ann Nichols. She is the granddaughter of Faye Nichols and the late L. J. Nichols, E. D. Foster and the late Marie Foster. She is the great-granddaughter of Charlie Perkins Cox, an original Chickasaw enrollees of the Dawes Commission.

Ms. Nichols will earn her Ph.D. in Theatre History, Theory and Literature in June 2014. Her dissertation, "Scottish Theatre and Drama in the Age of Devolution," charts the relationship of Scottish theatre and politics from the mid-1990s to the present.

While at IU she has taught multiple undergraduate theatre courses, as well as presenting her research at both national and international conferences. She is soon to be published in the International Journal of Scottish Theatre and Screen, and plans to teach Theatre History and Dramatic Literature at the university level.

She is very grateful for the many grants and scholarships the Chickasaw Nation has provided throughout her graduate education.



March 2014 Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Awards

Payton Whitehead
Payton Whitehead, 17, son of John and Jonell Whitehead, is the March 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement Award.


Payton is a senior at Colbert High School in Colbert, Okla. and was nominated by Indian programs director, Wanda Williams. “He is an exceptional student who balances advanced school courses, being president of student council and Senior Class President with the long hours required for baseball and basketball,” Ms. Williams said.

“Payton is a positive role model for all of his fellow students. He is intelligent, outgoing and respectful,” Ms. Williams continued. “He participates in all the Indian education programs Colbert Schools offers. He is our Title VII student representative and a member of our Indian Academic Team.”

Payton is a successful student and very involved in school and the community. He has a GPA of 4.10 and is the valedictorian of his senior class. Payton has organized blood drives, assisted in the Tushka tornado clean-up, assisted senior citizens in setting up and repairing their computers and software installation and volunteer for the March of Dimes.

Currently serving as president of the student council, Payton

was also president of his freshmen, sophomore and junior classes. He is a member of the gifted and talented program, the Chickasaw Honor Club and National Honor Society.

Payton’s numerous academic and athletic awards include 2014 Basketball Homecoming King, Woodsmen of the World American History Award, Perfect Attendance Award, Superintendent’s Honor Roll and many more.

In his free time, Payton enjoys hunting, fishing and raisin peacocks.

“My family is very proud and supportive of our Indian heritage,” Payton said. “I feel very fortunate to attend a school that has an excellent Indian program which stresses the importance of linking my high school education to the services of the Chickasaw Nation.”

Payton plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University and pursue a degree in pharmacology. He hopes someday he will use his education to improve the quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

“One of the services my grandfather receives assistance from is the paid prescription program,” Payton said. “Without the help of the Chickasaw Nation, he wouldn’t be able to afford his much needed medications.

“My working for the Chickasaw Nation in health services would afford me the opportunity to give back to those who have helped

my family.”

Outstanding Academic Achievement
Brianna Bailey
Brianna Bailey, 15, daughter of Brad and Antoinette Bailey, is a March 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.


Brianna Bailey

Brianna is in the ninth grade at Ironwood Ridge High School in Oro Valley, Ariz. and was nominated by English department chairperson and teacher, Susan Williams.

“Brianna received a 3.83 GPA this past semester while taking one of the most rigorous course schedules a high school freshman can take,” Ms. Williams said. “While taking advanced algebra II, advanced language arts, advanced biology, Spanish, orchestra and physical education, Brianna was the only freshmen girl to be selected to play on the junior varsity basketball team, where she is now a full-time starter at point guard.

In her free time, Brianna enjoys basketball, modeling, playing violin, drawing, baking and shopping.

At her previous school in Colorado, Brianna was awarded the 2012-2013 Falcon Award recognizing one female and one male eighth grade student who demonstrates outstanding academic

excellence, kindness, respect, responsibility and safety from sixth grade through eighth.

Brianna is inspired by her older brother, a pitcher for Gonzaga University and aspiring major leaguer.

“My schoolwork is my number one priority and I really push myself in all academic areas,” Brianna said.

Brianna is also a talented musician who plays violin for Ironwood Ridge High School Symphony Orchestra.

Last November, Brianna was selected as one of 16 girls selected from 200 candidates to attend Barbizon Modeling Agency. She is guaranteed a contract upon completion of her coursework.

“This is the dream of any girl, and I am loving every second of it,” Brianna shared. “I hope I can take it very far, and I am looking forward to what the future has in store for me.”

“I know that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to, as long as I have the heart to follow.”

Outstanding Citizenship
Brook Gibney
Brook Gibney, 15, daughter of Jeff and Misty Myers, is a March 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.


Brook Gibney

Brook is an eighth grader at Latta School in Latta, Okla. and was nominated by

teacher, Roy Deering.

“Brook is a wonderful person, an exceptional student and a model young lady who works hard, takes care of responsibilities and encourages all those around her,” Mr. Deering said. “She is conscientious, honest and really has the kind of attitude that makes each day a little better for those around her.”

Brook enjoys traveling and trying a number of different cuisines including Greek, Italian and Indian. One day, she hopes to visit Ireland to walk the countryside and try all the local foods.

Her other hobbies include sports, reading, movies, spending time with friends and family and listening to music.

Brook has a special place in her heart for children living with disabilities and would like to pursue a career as a rehabilitative specialist.

“It is my goal to ease difficulties these kids have in the everyday world,” she said.

An eternal optimist, Brooke always tries to smile and laugh as much as possible.

“I love making people laugh and see the positive in things that can sometimes seem not so positive,” Brooke said. “I know that I will reach my goals because I believe in hard work.”

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Chickasaw Nation robotics teams compete in state championships



Robotics mentor Rob Murray, left, looks on during the FTC State Robotics Competition as mentor Clayton Edwards, also standing, and teammates, from left, Joshua Kretschmer, William Ellison, Jacob Nichols, Morgan McDonald and Adam Click work on practice field.

As the Chickasaw Nation’s FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team #4224 the Y-Not Robots and team #6780 the Y-Not Robots2 rushed to setup the pit area Feb. 7-8 at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics “Block Party” Competition in Weatherford, Okla., the mentors registered both teams. Teams were invited to the State Championship because they placed at both the Ada Qualifier and the Muskogee Qualifier.

From the moment attendees walked through the door, could be felt in the air. State FTC Director, Brad Fitzgerald, mentioned that no two robots looked alike. Although competition was tough, the Chickasaw Nations Y-Not Robots and Y-Not Robots2 teams looked forward to the thrill of the faceoff.

On the journey to the state competition, the Chickasaw Nation teams qualified to advance because of their success at two qualifying competitions. One of these competitions was the Chickasaw Nation Qualifying Tournament.

At the Ada Qualifier, the teams came away from the competition with several awards. During the course of a competition, the judging panel may encounter a team whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition, despite not fitting into any of the existing award categories. To recognize these teams, FIRST offers a “blank” judges’ award. The judging panel may select a team to be honored, as well as the name of the judges’ award. Both robotics teams won this award. Y-Not Robots team #4224 also won the Finalist Award.

At the second qualifying tournament in Muskogee, the Chickasaw Nation FTC teams were the top winners, with the Y-Not Robots scoring the highest in the qualifying rounds. In the semifinals, the Y-Not Robots chose the Y-Not Robots2 and the Light Sabers of Oklahoma City as their alliance partners. After the semifinals, the alliance advanced to the finals. The best of three matches determined the winner, and the alliance won the finals in two matches.

The Y-Not Robots2 team was successful in Muskogee, bringing home several awards including the Rockwell Collins Innovative Award and the Inspire Award, the most prestigious FTC award. The Finalist Alliance Award was presented to the Y-Not Robots #4224, the Y-Not Robots2 #6780 and the Light Sabers #4250 for competing in the final match.

The Rockwell Collins Innovate Award celebrated the team for bringing its design to life with out-of-the-box thinking, ingenuity and inventiveness. This judged award was given to Y-Not Robots2 because their robot featured the most innovative and creative design solution to any or all specific field elements or components in the Tech Challenge game.

Team #6780, the Y-Not Robots2 also won the formally judged Inspire Award because the team truly embodied the challenge of the Tech Challenge program. The team was chosen by the judges as having best represented a role-model Tech Challenge Team. This team was a top contender for all other judging categories and was

a strong competitor on the field. The Inspire Award Winner is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism™ both on and off the playing field. This team communicated their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge to other teams, sponsors, and the judges.

At the state level, Y-Not Robots and Y-Not Robots2 competed proudly, made it to the final rounds of the competition and created an alliance with team

Head Start now accepting enrollment applications for 2014-2015 school year

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program is now accepting spring enrollment applications for the 2014-2015 school year at the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo, Okla., locations.

Although applications are accepted throughout the year, recruitment efforts in early spring are designed to promote the unique services offered by the Head Start program.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is a child development program serving income-eligible, Native American and non-Native American families with children three to five years of age. The Head Start program helps children learn and react positively to present environment, and is designed to teach students the readiness skills necessary for academic success in later school years.

The Chickasaw Nation head Start program focuses on providing skill-appropriate services for

#7986, Owasso Middle School’s Block Breakers. Each team received the 2013-2014 Oklahoma Championship Tournament Finalist Alliance Award. Because of good drivers, a strong student coach, and enthusiastic team members, Y-Not Robots2 is advancing to the Super-Regional in San Antonio Feb. 26 through Feb. 28.

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all Head Start students, and children with special needs and disabilities are a top priority.

Transportation services are provided for all Head Start students.

Preference is given to Native American and low-income families, and children with disabilities.

To learn more about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program visit www.chickasaw.net/head-start.

For more information, or to obtain an application, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Center in your area.

Ada Head Start: (580) 310-6638
Ardmore Head Start: (580) 223-6276
Sulphur Head Start: (580) 622-6200
Tishomingo Head Start: (580) 371-3216

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Apply now for Chickasaw Nation summer camps

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting applications for 2014 youth camps, clinics and academies. Application deadlines are fast approaching, with many in May and early June.

For more information, contact youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chikashshaat Hoochokoshkomo Camp “Chickasaws are Playing,” June 3-5 (Ages 12 to 18): This day camp will provide students the opportunity to learn the history of traditional games. Campers will learn how to play a variety of traditional games including chunky, marbles, archery, horseshoes and stickball. Application deadline May 9.

Diabetes Prevention Camp, June 2-6 (Ages 12 to Adult): Through lectures, breakout sessions and activities, campers learn about nutrition, exercise, blood sugar goals, dia-

betic medications, prevention and emotional health. Application deadline May 9.

Chickasaw Cultural Enrichment Family Camp, June 16-20 (Chickasaw families): This camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language, culture and history within Chickasaw families. Application deadline May 15.

Yaakni’ Inaalhpisaat Chokma “The Nation’s Laws are Good,” June 24-25 (Ages 10 to 16): This three-day camp educates youth about the operations of a tribal court system. Application deadline May 15.

Chickasaw Nation Cultural Camp, June 10-11 / June 24-25 (Ages 6 to 11): This two-day camp provides students the opportunity to learn about and experience a variety of cultural activities such as traditional games, traditional stomp dance, traditional crafts and the Chickasaw lan-

guage. Application deadline May 23.

Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Youth Academy, June 23-26 (Ages 10 to 15): This academy provides an excellent opportunity for youth to explore a career in law enforcement. **Application deadline May 30.**

Ikbi Holisso Camp “Book Creation,” June 26-27 (Ages 12 to 18): This camp will introduce students to the world of book publishing from concept to writing, illustrating, editing, design and production. Application deadline June 5.

Native American Junior Open, June 7 (Ages 8 to 18): The Native American Junior Open allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or golf association tournament. On-site registration at Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.

Roland V. Barnes



Roland V. Barnes, 62, died March 14, 2014. He was born Nov. 24, 1951 at Childress, Texas to Victor Barnes and Bonnie Courtney Barnes. He was the grandson of Willie "Hoot Owl Bill" Courtney, #2573 an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Mr. Barnes was a Vietnam Veteran and served two terms during the Vietnam Era.

He lived in Dickson, Tenn., for two years, moving from Ardmore, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Victor Barnes; and a brother, Bert Barnes, died six weeks prior.

He is survived by his mother, Bonnie Courtney Barnes, of the home in Dickson, Tenn.; a brother, Arlington Barnes, of Duman, Texas; sisters, Virginia Webb, of Dallas, and Vickie Wheeler, of Dickson.

He will be greatly missed and was loved by everyone who knew him.

Ella Jean Cary



Ella Jean Cary, 89, died April 8, 2014 at Ardmore, Okla. Memorial services were April 12, at McLish Avenue Church of Christ, Ardmore, with Minister Cody Westbrook officiating. Entombment followed at Irvington Memorial Cemetery, Fremont, Calif.

She was born Dec. 9, 1924, at Marietta, Okla., to Pat Shipman and Nora (Rennick) Shipman.

She attended Marietta schools until her family moved to California where she spent the rest of her school days. After graduating from Niles (CA) High School she married Robert J.H. Cary in 1947.

She worked for a short time at the Masonic Home before she and her husband owned and operated the Sunco Café. After the café sold, she became a full-time homemaker. In 1978, she moved to Ardmore to be closer to her family.

She was always proud of her Chickasaw heritage and enjoyed sewing and doing beadwork. She also enjoyed playing card games, a board game "Pollyanna" crafting, and genealogy. She volunteered at the senior citizens and grandparent programs, was a member of Eastern Star, Jobs Daughters, and Demolay.

Mrs. Cary was baptized at a very young age into the Church of Christ, was a devoted Christian, and was an active member of McLish Avenue Church of Christ in Ardmore.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pat and Nora Shipman; her husband, Robert (1975); three brothers; and a sister.

She is survived by a son, Scott A Cary and wife, Helen, of Gilroy, Calif., a daughter, Mona Lisa Coyle and husband, Michael, of Dickson, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Ashley Brown, Krista Coyle, Robert Coyle, Heather Barnes, Jennelle Poister, Sean R. Cary, and Frank E. Johnson III; and eleven great-grandchildren.

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Frank 'Tuffy' Henry Catron



Frank "Tuffy" Henry Catron Jr., 46, of Connerville, Okla., died February 3, 2014. Funeral services were Feb. 8, 2014 at Herb Clark Memorial Chapel, Tishomingo, Okla., with Brother Randy Wade and Brother Allen Beck officiating. Interment followed at Seeley Cemetery.

He was born August 22, 1967 at Tishomingo, to the late Frank Catron and Phyllis Lattie. He graduated from Sequoyah High School, Tahlequah Okla., in 1985 where he played football. He received an associates degree in culinary arts from Okmulgee Technical School and had been employed as the kitchen supervisor at the Carter Seminary.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother Eliza Russell; and a nephew Dale H. Catron.

He is survived by a daughter Juhree Catron, of Connerville; his mother, Phyllis Lattie, of the home; three brothers, Dale Catron, of Tishomingo, Jesse Catron and wife, Marie, of Rogers, Ark., and Frank William Catron, of Ada, Okla.; four sisters, Jodiana Morris and husband, Jeffery, of Rising Star, Texas, Cruella Catron, of Tulsa, Cindy Brown, of Wapanucka, Okla., and Connie Leader, of Ravia, Okla.; three grandchildren, Jaxon, Abigale and Paisley Catron; and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were J.J. Bennett, David Fort, Matthew Catron, Leroy Drawbaugh, Jerad Caton, David Lewis, Mike Pittman, Steven Pittman, Topper Duncan and Jeffery Morris.

Honorary bearers were Jesse Catron, Jesse Catron Jr., Frank L. Catron, Toby Catron, Chis Scholar, James "Renegade" Justice, Johnny Skinner, Leroy Hunter and Bob Benson.

Joyce Ann Forguson



Joyce Ann Forguson, 77, of Kingston, Okla., died April 10, 2014 at Fort Worth. Graveside services were April 15, 2014, at the Willis Cemetery, Willis, Okla. with Blake Carpenter officiating.

She was born October 26, 1936 at Shay, Okla., to the late Noel Peters and Eva Sexton Peters. She was raised in Shay and graduated from Kingston High School in 1955. She married Thomas Aud Forguson October 29, 1955 at Gainesville, Texas. He preceded her in death July 20, 1997.

She moved to Fort Worth where she lived for 20 years and worked five years for General Dynamics. She moved back to Willis, where she lived the rest of her life. She also worked for Webber Air Craft and as a Community Health Representative (CHR) for the Chickasaw Nation. She was a member of the Kingston Alumni and affiliated with the Pentecostal Faith. She enjoyed painting, loved music and playing any string instrument.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Overton and Melvin Peters; and a sister, Velma Turner.

She is survived by children, Tommy Forguson, of Willis, and Eva McCollum and Gary, of Fort Worth; sisters, Dollie Lollis, of Kingston, and Faye Wolfe, of Dumas, Texas; five grandchildren, Anjanette, Green, Sharesa McGowen, Audra Forguson, Justin Forguson and Andrea Salazar; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.

Cloise Dean Hester



Cloise Dean Hester, 68, of Tishomingo, Okla., died March 31, 2014 while working on his job in Oakland County, Mich. Services were April 7 in the Herb Clark Memorial Chapel at Clark Funeral Service in Tishomingo with Brother Frank Wallace officiating. Interment followed at the Ravia (OK) Cemetery with Military Honors provided by The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard.

He was born on May 31, 1946 at Talihina, Okla., to Milton George Hester and Ellen (Taylor) Hester.

He grew up in this area and later his family moved to Mission, S.D. where he attended school.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1964 and served until 1969. He was a member of the 101st Aviation Battalion. He worked for many years as an equipment removal specialist in the refrigeration installation business.

Mr. Hester returned to Johnston County in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Mary James, Twannah Byington and his twin sister, Diane Graham; and a brother, David Byington.

He is survived by ason, Jeremiah Dean Hester; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Frank Wright, Jeremy James, Mike Loper, Stacy Tyson and Tyler Tyson.

Online condolences may be made at clarkfuneralservice.net

LaVeta 'JoAnn' Avey



LaVeta "JoAnn" Avey, 74, of Tonkawa, Okla., died December 13, 2013 at her home in Ralston, Okla. Services were December 17, at Christian Life Church, Tonkawa, with Pastor Derrick Marshall officiating. Interment followed at the Tonkawa I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

She was born June 19, 1939 in Joy, Oklahoma to John Lewis and Willie Gray (Birdwell) James.

She grew up in the Davis, Okla., area until she was school age. Then moved to Chickasha with her family where she stayed until she went to live at the Children's Legion Home in Ponca City, Okla., to be with her three younger brothers. She attended grade school and junior high in Chickasha, and graduated from Ponca City High School. She attended Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

She married Larry Jack Avey Jan. 26, 1958 at the Tonkawa First Christian Church, celebrating fifty five years and eleven months of marriage. They lived in Tonkawa for the majority of their married life, moving to the Ralston area after Mr. Avey's retirement.

Mrs. Avey did not work outside the home but mastered many professions while being a stay at home mother/homemaker. She was a very talented seamstress and enjoyed all types of needle work. She was a devoted wife and mother and she will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Harvey, Lewis, Kenneth, Roy James, Nadine Brown, Faye Baxter and Oretta James.

She is survived by her husband, Jack of the home; a daughter, Kandy Kay Jump and husband, Bill, of Ralston; brothers, Ray and Willie James; grandchildren, Deidre Childers, of Ralston and Derrick Fagg and wife, Mary, of Pawnee, Okla.; great-grandchildren, Landyn Weaver, Leighton Childers, Gentry Fagg and Kadee Browne; and numerous other relatives.

Pallbearers were Glen Avey, Neal Avey, Derrick Fagg, Joe Kregger, Jim Terbush, Bruce Robinson. Honorary Landyn Weaver, Leighton Childers and Jay Graham.

Memorials may be made to Christian Life Church, P.O. Box 486, Tonkawa, OK 74653 or ONHL Hospice, P.O. Box 1216, Drumright, OK 74030 or Charity of Choice.

Condolences may be left at www.tonkawafh.com

Dr. Johnnie Ben Minnett



Dr. Johnnie Ben Minnett, of Chickasha, Okla., died April 4, 2014. Services were April 8 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Chickasha. A rosary was April 7 at Sevier Funeral Home. Interment was at Holy Name Section of Rose Hill Cemetery.

Dr. Minnett was born April 6, 1929 at Chickasha to Norma (Collins) and Henry Minnett. He was a practicing optometrist in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and then in Chickasha for over 50 years. He was devoted to his profession serving on the Board of the Oklahoma Optometric Association and serving as chairman of Southwest Contact Lens Society.

He was an active member of Holy Name Catholic Church and participated in the Knights of Columbus, served on the Church Board and was a Lay Minister.

As an active member of the Chickasha community, Dr. Minnett served multiple terms on the Chickasha School Board, was a member of AMBUCS and most recently the Lions Club. He was a member of the Grady County Historical Society and Grady County Mineral Owners.

He was always ready to help. Besides local charities, Dr. Minnett made many mission trips to Mexico to examine eyes and to fit the glasses that were collected by the Lions Club. He was a familiar figure in Chickasha, always having a smile and kind word. Often there would be a joke to go with the smile. He rarely missed an event that his children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren were involved.

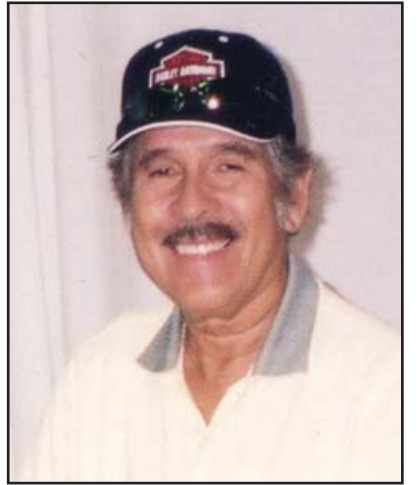
He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanne Polk; two sisters Gail Justis and Mita Ehn.

He is survived by his wife Bettye, (married in Memphis in 1950); a son, Bill Minnett and wife Karna, of Houston; a daughter, Mita Bates and husband, Bob, of Ardmore, Okla.; a son-in-law, Randal Polk, of Oklahoma City; a sister, Jule Sewell, of Denton, Texas; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His friends and his jokes are legion. If you didn't know him, you missed out!

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to Chickasha Mobile Meals, The Lions Club of Chickasha or to the Holy Name Catholic Church Elevator Fund.

Hosea Emmitt Waldon



Hosea Emmitt Waldon, 80, Neosho, Mo., died March 15, 2014 at his home, following a lengthy illness. Services were March 21 at Clark Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with Brother Scott Hill officiating. Interment with military honors will be at the Neosho Memorial Park Cemetery, south of Neosho.

He was born Nov. 11, 1933 at Tuttle, Okla., and moved to Neosho in 1995 from Houston.

He served in the U.S. Army and worked as a processing engineer in the oil refinery industry.

He was a member of the Chickasaw Nation; the Fairview Car Club; an avid hunter and fisherman; enjoyed tinkering in his garage with motorcycles and cars. He was a member of the Hart Baptist Church in Seneca.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of the home; two children, Troy Waldon and wife, Becki, of Rifle, Colo., and Renee Peterson and fiancé, Chris Ramsey, of Oxford, Ohio; four brothers, Kenneth Waldon, of Tuttle, Burney Waldon, of Bates City, Mo., Bennie Waldon, of Independence, Mo., and Noel Waldon, of Wilmington, N.C.; two sisters, Barbara Eichorn, of Denison, Texas and Julia Carnes, of Coweta, Okla.; six grandchildren, Tiffany, Dominique, Megan, Brandon, Joshua and Brittany; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Contributions in memory of Hosea may be made to the Newton County Cancer Council, c/o Clark Funeral Home, P.O. Box 66, Neosho, MO 64850.

Ona 'Memaw Susie' Young

Ona "Memaw Susie" Young, 67, died Feb. 8, 2014 at Lawton, Okla., with her family by her side. Services were Feb. 13 at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David McCracken, of New Life Assembly of God, Cache Okla., officiating. Burial followed at Cache City Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 9, 1946 at Lawton, Okla., to James and Minnie Stephens. She grew up in the Cache area. She loved to sew, making all her kids clothes and clothes for baby dolls, puzzles, reading, going to karaoke and to cook.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Young; parents, James and Minnie Stephens; two brothers, Bobby Stephens, Doug Stephens; and a sister, Patsy Stephens Stroud.

She is survived by two daughters, Patty Gentry and companion, Scott Mathews, of Cache, and Lisa Ash and husband, Brent, of Ada, Okla.; a son, Tommy Gentry and companion, Linda Gee, of Dallas; two brothers, Kelly Stephens and wife, Wanda, of Cache and Mike Stephens and wife, Carrie, of Faxon; grandchildren, Meagan Palmer and companion, Jesse Wigginton, of Oklahoma City, Katlyn Gembaez, of the home, Aaron Young, of the home, Dylan and Jazzmyn Franks, both of Cache, Brad and Julia Ash, of Apache, Shawn and Leslie Frase, of Ada; great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, adopted grandchildren and many friends.

James E. 'Bub' Crittenden



James E. "Bub" Crittenden died Dec. 31, 2013 at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, after battling lung cancer for the last five or more years. Services were at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Los Angeles, and he was laid to rest next to his beloved wife Adela at Resurrection Cemetery.

He was born August 24, 1946, in Denison, Texas, to Lloyd and Eunice Huff Crittenden. The family lived in Kemp, Okla., until he was four when they moved to Borger, Texas. He was the grandson of original enrollee, Rhoda May Kemp Huff, and was proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

He grew up in Borger, and attended Borger High School before joining the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam and was briefly stationed in Cuba. He achieved a life-long dream of returning for a vacation in Cuba in 2010. After his Marine service, he settled in Los Angeles where he worked as a crane mechanic. He met the love of his life, Adela Montijo, in Los Angeles, and they were married November 28, 1970.

He enjoyed country music, Jack Daniel's, Mark Twain and John Steinbeck novels, cooking, writing poetry, and traveling for vacations in Canada, Cuba, Greece, Turkey, Savannah, Ga., Santa Fe, N.M., and San Antonio, Texas. He attended numerous Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, and Elvis Presley concerts in the Los Angeles area, and would often quote passages from Mark Twain. He was famous for his deep-fried chicken prepared at numerous celebrations of the Crittenden and Montijo families. The recipe remains a secret although his kids, Jimmy and Sabrina, are getting close.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Adela; his mother and father, Lloyd and Eunice Crittenden; and a sister, Barbara Long.

He is survived by three children, Jimmy Crittenden and wife, Landy, of Borger, Sabrina and husband, Jason Plaza, and Shannon Crittenden, all of Los Angeles; two granddaughters, Samantha and Savannah Crittenden, of Borger; two grandsons, Maverick Crittenden, of Borger and Giovanni Plaza, of Los Angeles; sisters, Sue Hegdal, of Los Angeles, Lodean Casey, of Hemet, Calif., and Vivian McWilliams, of Kingston, Okla.; a brother Gary Crittenden, of Sherman, Texas; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; his dog Charley; and his wife's family, the Montijos.

His family was the joy of his life. Survivors also include his

He wrote this poem a few months after he lost Adela in 2005:

Tonight

As sure as tonight will turn into tomorrow

I'll live and make it through my sorrow

As sure as the rain will stop and the sky will be clear

I'll spend eternity with the one that I hold most dear

It's not maybe with luck I might I trust God he always does what's right

He wouldn't give a songbird a song and not let it sing

He wouldn't deny my entrance into heaven so I could be with Adela again.

We miss them both.

Francis Will 'Jock' Cobley



Francis Will "Jock" Cobley, 68, died April 12, 2014 at Davis, Okla.

He was born September 25, 1945 at Ada, Okla., to Francis Cobley and Peggy Neal.

He grew up in the Roff, Okla., and Vanoss, Okla., areas. He had a passion for horses that led him to spend most of his life breaking horses and riding broncs. Most recently, Jock worked for the Chickasaw Nation, as a ranch hand. He was a very talented when it came to Native American bead work and often worked with others, teaching them the art. He was recently recognized at the Chickasaw Nation Art Show & Market. Jock was a very proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by his mother; step-father, Joe Kenneth Riddle; and a daughter, Jackie.

He is survived by a daughter, Dannie Sue "Chigger" Davidson, of Del City, Okla.; a son, Rylee Davidson, of Ada; a granddaughter, Mariah Lula-Sue Marsh; six sisters, Janis Harris, of Picayune, Miss., Sandra Caffey, of Abilene, Texas, Prissy Donaghey, of Burnet, Texas, Stacy Wesberry, of Madill, Okla., LaVonne Wyatt and LaVerne Keeling, both of Ada; two brothers, Monty Wright, of Eufaula, Okla., and Rocky Wright, of Ada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship applications for upcoming 2014 - 2015 school year

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced its comprehensive scholarship application which offers a variety of scholarships annually with funding to begin in fall 2014 for the 2014-2015 academic year. Each year the application is offered and lists available scholarships along with their criteria. Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the student's designated college or university.

The Native Americans Transforming Visions (NATV) Scholarship is also available for application by a full-time student who was a high school graduate and resident of the Chickasaw Children's Village. Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and attending any form of higher learning

that includes, but is not limited, to vocational-technical schools, a trade school, or any undergraduate program at a two- or four-year college/university.

Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date - May 30, 2014 - to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, a dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit the website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Chickasaw Foundation announces new scholarship



Quinton Jones, Residential Manager at The Children's Village, Sallie Wallace, Children's Village director, Cassandra Factor, founder of NATV Scholarship and Shelly Wall, NATV Scholarship president.

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship available beginning fall 2014. The Native Americans Transforming Visions (NATV) Scholarship is available for application by a full-time student who was a high school graduate and resident of the Chickasaw Children's Village. Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and attending any form of higher learning that includes, but is not limited, to vocational-technical schools, a trade school, or any undergraduate program at a two- or four-year college/university.

All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date - May 30, 2014 - to be considered for funding.

"The Native Americans Transforming Visions (NATV) Scholarship was created to assist the children at 'The Children's Village' in transforming the visions of their future into reality. So they know they don't have to be defined by their circumstances and can be so much more..." stated Ms. Cassandra Factor, establisher of the NATV Scholarship.



History, Culture fellowship application open

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the availability of the 2014-2015 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application.

The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or persons studying Chickasaw history and/or culture. It is for a one-week period of research to be conducted at the Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

The fellowship will provide up to \$2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets, etc., to the selected applicant.

The deadline to submit the

completed application is July 18, 2014.

Fellowships are awarded annually. All applicants are notified by mail of acceptance or denial. No information will be given over the telephone. If awarded, you will receive further instructions by mail. Failure to comply with all parts of the process, as described herein, and all deadlines required for applicant eligibility will result in automatic denial of your application. Fellows will have from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 to complete their fellowship.

To be considered for this fellowship, the applicant must be:

- Pursuing a master, doc-

toral or professional degree as a full-time student at an accredited graduate school in the United States OR preparing an academic paper, book or presentation on Chickasaw history and/or culture; and

- Able to demonstrate a financial need; and
- A registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, a registered citizen of another tribe or Alaska village/corporation or affiliated with any tribe.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit their website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Foundation exec, projects coordinator attend fundraising conference

Johnna R. Walker, executive director, and Tracie Carter, special projects coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals 51st International Conference on Fundraising on March 21-25 in San Antonio, Texas.

Ms. Walker and Ms. Carter are both members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Ms. Walker served as the 2010 President of the Oklahoma chap-

ter and currently serves on the Member/Chapter Services Committee.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 30,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards

in the fundraising profession.

Information obtained from the Association of Fundraising Professionals website)



Chickasaw Foundation recognizes its own volunteers during National Volunteer Week

Every year the Chickasaw Foundation recognizes its many volunteers by celebrating National Volunteer Week (NVW). President Richard Nixon signed an executive order in 1974 to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering and since that time, each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting NVW.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. NVW is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transfor-

mation.

National Volunteer Week is not only our moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but to enable a nation to share ideas, practices, and stories, wherever they happen, and shaping a movement to re-imagine the notion of citi-

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 21, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Members absent: Tim Colbert, David Woerz
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Michael T. Watson, Michael Wingo, Judy Goforth Parker, Dana Lance, Bethany Gill, Traci Gold, Rita Loder, S. Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 21, 2014
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve the minutes of February 21, 2014.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2014, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus
General Resolution Number 31-022, Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service for the Tribal Preservation Program grant. Funds from this grant will be utilized to survey and inventory significant Chickasaw archaeological resources on private land along the Chiwapa and Tallabinella Cuesta Bluff escarpments in the Mississippi aboriginal homeland. The grant proposal is not to exceed \$40,000 for the 18 month grant period.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR31-022.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes
The motion to approve GR31-022 carried unanimously. Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(B) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 31-021, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Seminole County
This resolution approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept a parcel of Real Property being donated by the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, at 301 West 20th, Wewoka, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR31-021.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes

11 yes votes

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The motion to approve GR31-021 carried unanimously. Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) **ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz
Ms. Elliott served as the Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee Chair Pro Tempore in the absence of Mr. Woerz.

Permanent Resolution Number 31-004, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules)
This resolution amends the election rules and procedures located in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.
A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR31-004.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes
The motion to approve PR31-004 carried unanimously. Ms. Elliott concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
Mr. Mike Watson made comments on per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:18 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 14, 2014
Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood
Absent: Beth Alexander, Steve Woods
Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
April 7, 2014
Present: Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs, Scott Wood, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Education Committee
April 7, 2014
Present: Nancy Elliott, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods
Absent: Shana Hammond
Finance Committee
April 14, 2014
Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz
Absent: Steve Woods
Health Care Committee
April 7, 2014
Present: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Shana Hammond
Land Development Committee
April 7, 2014
Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
April 14, 2014
Present: Shana Hammond, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins
Absent: Beth Alexander, Steve Woods

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APRIL 2014 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 31-023
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation properties in the Tishomingo area described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
Property Location: East 6th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation properties
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert
General Resolution Number 31-024
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation properties in the Tishomingo area described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
Property Location: East 6th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation properties
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert
General Resolution Number 31-025
To Affirm General Resolution 21-028 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Stephens County
Explanation: This resolution affirms General Resolution 21-028 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description.
Property Location: Stephens County, Oklahoma
Use: Parking
Presented By: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert
Permanent Resolution Number 31-005
Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 6 Section 6-601.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rights of Majority)
Explanation: This resolution corrects a reference in Section 6-601.3 to another section of the Chickasaw Nation Code and also amends the word "fix" to "set" for purposes of clarity. The amendments were requested by District Court Judge Dustin Rowe.
Presented By: Court Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
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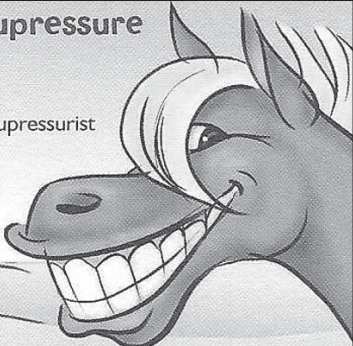
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